

1986 Once in a
Lifetime

The Paw

TERRI McKAY

-Just-

Your a real good friend, and will always
be to me!! I really hope this is the year
for you in B-Ball!! You really deserve it!!
It's so hard to believe we're actually soph!!
It seems like just yesterday we were
putting up w/ Coach Page's attitude! barely
Huh! I hope you get every thing you want
out of this year! And you have lots of luck!
May be this is our year to find us a
guy!! Who knows!

Love ya!
Lots!

Raguel

Terri - you are really cool sophomores!
Good luck and in life. I hope you get the very best out of life love ya, #34
"Sus. 87 Rule"

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to a very great
personality. Good
luck always
* Love *

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Panther Fever



It looks like the Panther Bandits caught it, As they dressed up, they helped the cheerleaders lead the Lady Panthers to an area victory over Honey Grove.

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What? Howe In Van Alstyne? - Yes believe it or not. Craig Huffhines is giving the Howe Student Council a cake for good luck in return for a good luck balloon bouquet from Howe for regional playoffs.

Reaching For the stars, the Van Alstyne Middle School Science Club students enjoy a trip to N.A.S.A.





Chicako Wilkinson, Japanese exchange student, receives her first report card from her English teacher, Mrs. Bonner. The English language was entirely new to Chicako.



The calendar of any school year is always full of activities. From September and football season to May and graduation, students are constantly busy and going all the time. With all these events come many good times and therefore many good memories.

A year is made up of the small and common things such as going to lunch with friends and talking over the latest 'scoop'. As years pass these times blend together and are not always easily remembered, but yet there are those once in a lifetime happenings that stand out in our memory and can always be vividly recalled.



A New Look? New additions and renovations during the school year changed the looks of the district's campuses. A new cafetorium was added to the junior and senior high campus.



Taking a Break. Spanish Club members rest a while between stops on their trip to San Antonio.

Hands Across What? Jody Wesson and Laura Minchey, seniors, participate in Mr. Wade's version of "Hands Across America."

Students attend school day after day to learn. But between the seven classes each day and the time spent on homework students also worked hard to have fun. Lots of energy and many hours of work were put into raising money, practicing plays, and planning pep rallies. Sometimes these hours seemed long and tiring but in looking back, the work seemed easy and always worthwhile. Many good times are shared as a group of friends work together and many memories are made of the best of times.



The Best of Times

Hold Still Now. Senior Doug Flanery prepares his project to show at Loy Lake.

Let's Go Blue! Members of the junior class cheer on the football team during a weekly pep rally.



Here's Your Part. Seniors Scott Campbell and Chris Taylor discuss their roles in the Spanish II fashion show.

Wearing My Sunglasses! Stacey Conner and Brandt Wright wait in the car between tennis matches at district competition.

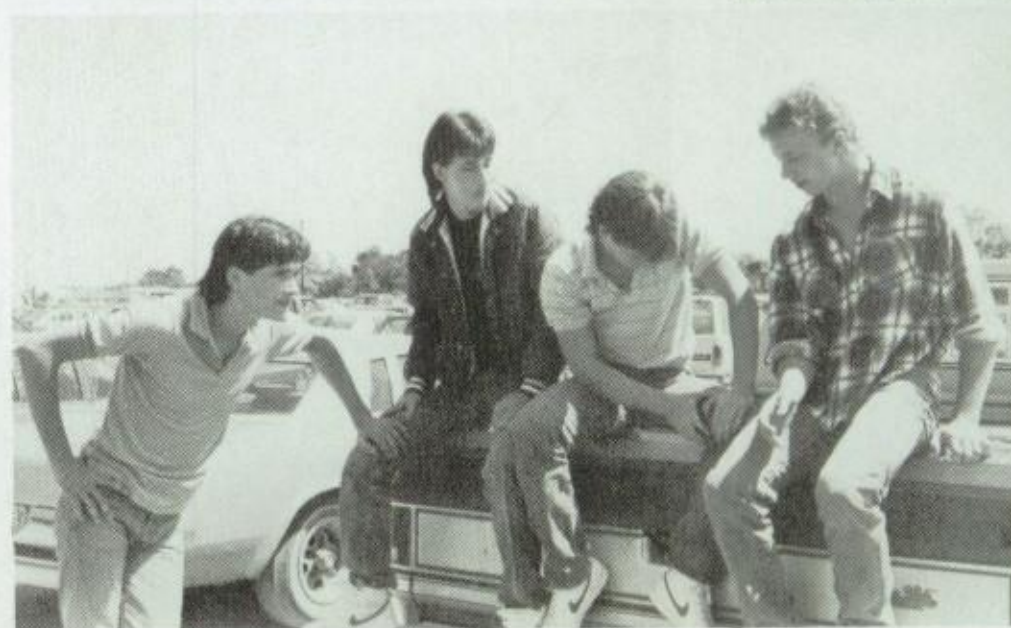


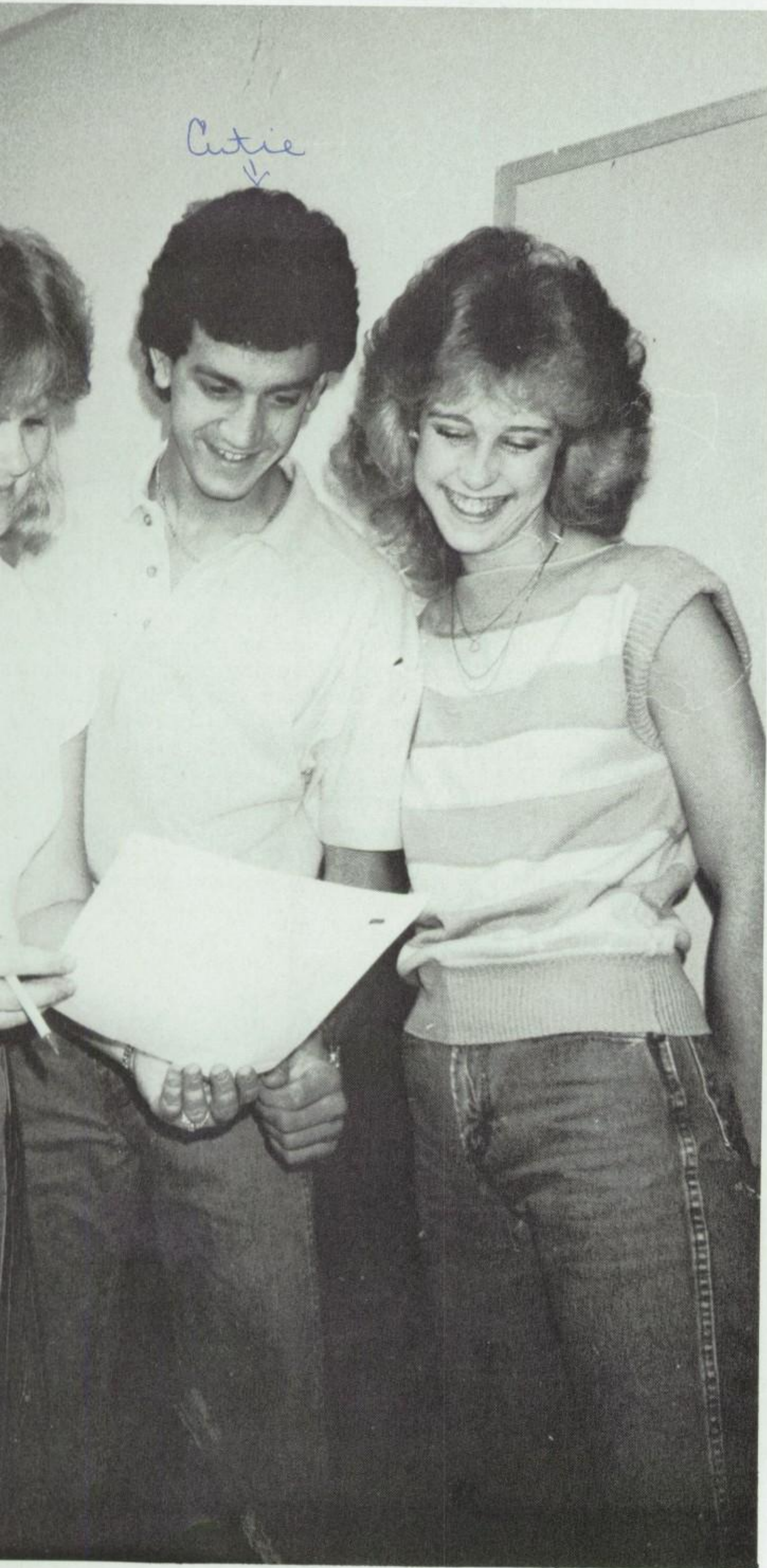
Outstanding Happenings



Waltzing Across Texas? No, actually Marcy Ashley and Rodney Wilson waltz across the high school student center at the last dance of the year.

Togetherness. Senior cheerleaders Tammy Murley, Candace Wright, Michelle Weatherley, and Wendy Billups clap together during a senior battle cry. **Go Ahead. Make My Day!** As Jared Sprowl seems to be upset with Stephen Key, J.T. Henderson, and Tim Reneker.





Where do We Sit? Mrs. Mitchell helps seniors Doug Flanery and Terri Hix decide on a seating arrangement for the prom.

Although school is traditionally thought of as the classroom where students spend all their time learning and gaining knowledge for their futures, it is a lot more. The many hours spent outside of the classroom are what really makes a year memorable.

School starts when summer ends but the fun still keeps on coming. Early in the year Fall Festival and Homecoming keep students busy. Pep Rallies and football games are full of moments to remember. Later on in the year are several banquets, the prom, club trips, dances, and finally graduation.

There are so many outstanding happenings in a school year that help to create many great memories. A student does not always remember the formulas to a chemistry problem, or the author of a particular novel, but the fun and laughter shared with friends will always be remembered.

"June, July,
and August are a
teacher's favorite months
of the year."
Mrs. Deborah Nance

Those Crazy, Hazy, Lazy, Days Of Summer

A lot of work and tons of play make for a really great year. That is exactly what a lot of our students did with a portion of their summer.

Their attendance at several summer camps has improved their performances in extra-curricular activities. These camps include football, band, drill team, cheerleaders, and the yearbook staff who began work on this year's Paw.

Fun and good times were a big part of these camps. Everyone had their favorite part. Varsity cheerleader, Wendy Billups, senior, "Rodney! He was a male cheerleader that was oh-so-fine! I really liked his ... Smile!"

And then there's everyone's favorite part of any practice; "BREAK!" - Varsity football player, Jay Cooper, junior.

There were big benefits for each organization. Senior, Michelle Weatherley, "Without the camps everything would stay on the same level."

"We mainly had the two-a-

Hit or miss. Varsity and JV football teams work hard during two-a-days towards the end of summer.

days to get in shape. They also built up skills, techniques, and reactions, especially the reactions for when they get in a game." -Coach Mike Weatherley.

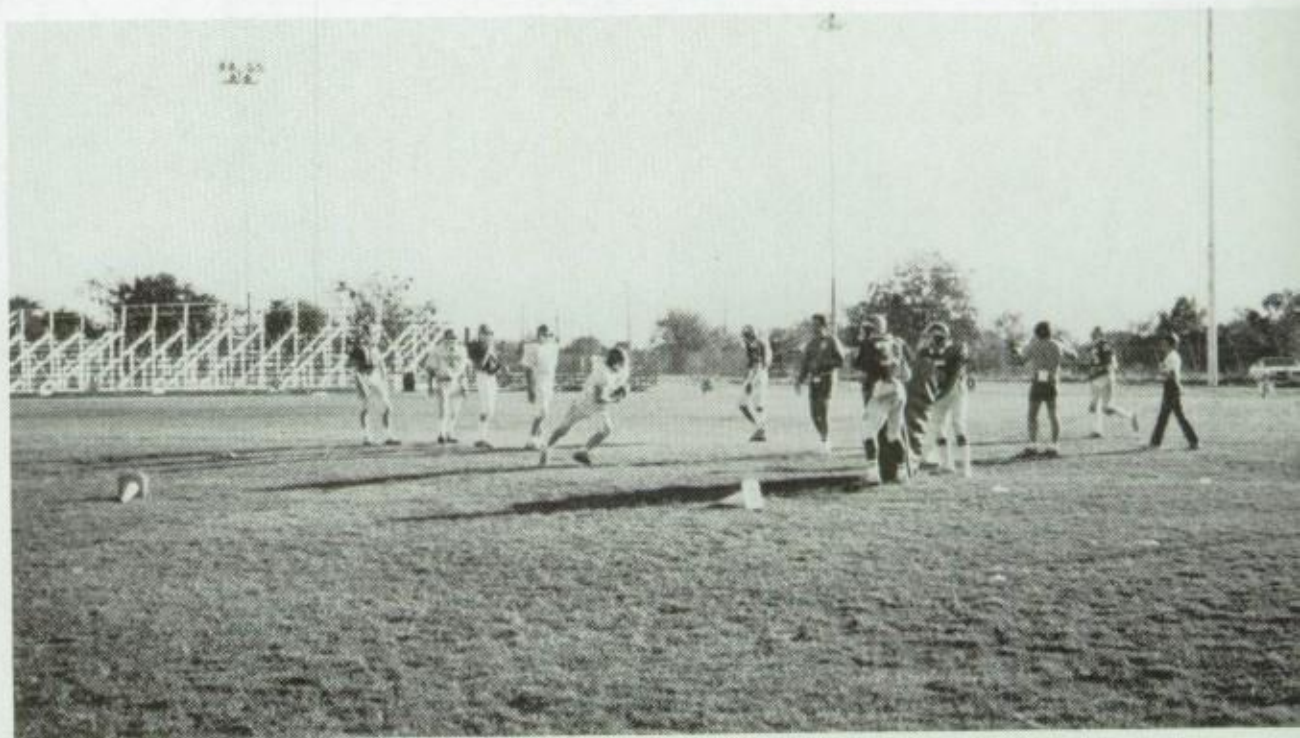
Though it was plenty of time and hard work, there wasn't too much complaining about the sacrifices that were made. Freshman Drill Team Member, Dana Davis, "Well, it was hard work trying to learn routines, but then again it was fun out there trying."

Personal advantages were obvious and everyone seemed to gain something from hard work. Drill Team Co-Captain sophomore, Jodi Renne, "I

learned a lot of our routines in advance and was able to help others learn."

Overall, there were no negative results of any of the camps. "We learned a lot of new techniques at yearbook workshop for putting together an annual and got started on this year's Paw." - Candace Wright, senior, Yearbook Editor.

A summer full of hard, hard work makes for a lot of fun and great memories. Memories not only for those who worked, but every spectator who took part.





Summer? No Cigar! Although the band did practice this summer, a picture wasn't taken. Here the band continued practicing last fall.



A little elbow grease will do it. Varsity cheerleader, senior, Candace Wright gets ready for an early morning practice at UCA cheerleading camp at ETSU.

Jam on it! Chikako Wilkinson and Michelle Domingos practice a routine during summer drill team camp at the high school.



"I think Fall Festival is the most significant thing that we as parents and a community do to support our schools."
John Wade

Over And Over Again—Habit Or Custom?

Habit/'hab-ət/ noun: an acquired mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary.

But is this really what the Fall Festival has become or do we still have any of the original purpose?

What exactly was the original idea? According to Mr. Wallace Tooley, owner of Tooley's variety store, "I'm not sure when it started, but it was quite a few years ago. It started out to be on Halloween night to keep the kids occupied, but when they realized it was making money, they decided it would bring in more if it was earlier in the year, so they changed it."

Even at that, the money taken in does serve a good purpose. It is distributed to each class and to the school.

As in years past, grades 9-12 compete for the title of King and Queen of the Fall Festival. The Senior class of 1986 raised \$3,300 to once again capture this title. Eddie Cate and Nancy Tepera were the senior representatives.

There is a good amount of physical labor put into the Fall Festival that few people are really aware of. People build booths, paint streets for cake walks, and cook the food.

Junior, Brandt Wright, "I think there is a lot of hard work done by the FFA and room parents that is overlooked. They don't get the acclaim they deserve."

Fun was definitely the main part of the festival as several hundred people from local towns came to play games, watch the senior fifties show, and go on hayrides. "My favorite game," said seventh grader, David Wade, "was the Revenge game, because it was a chance to finally beat up on your friends!"

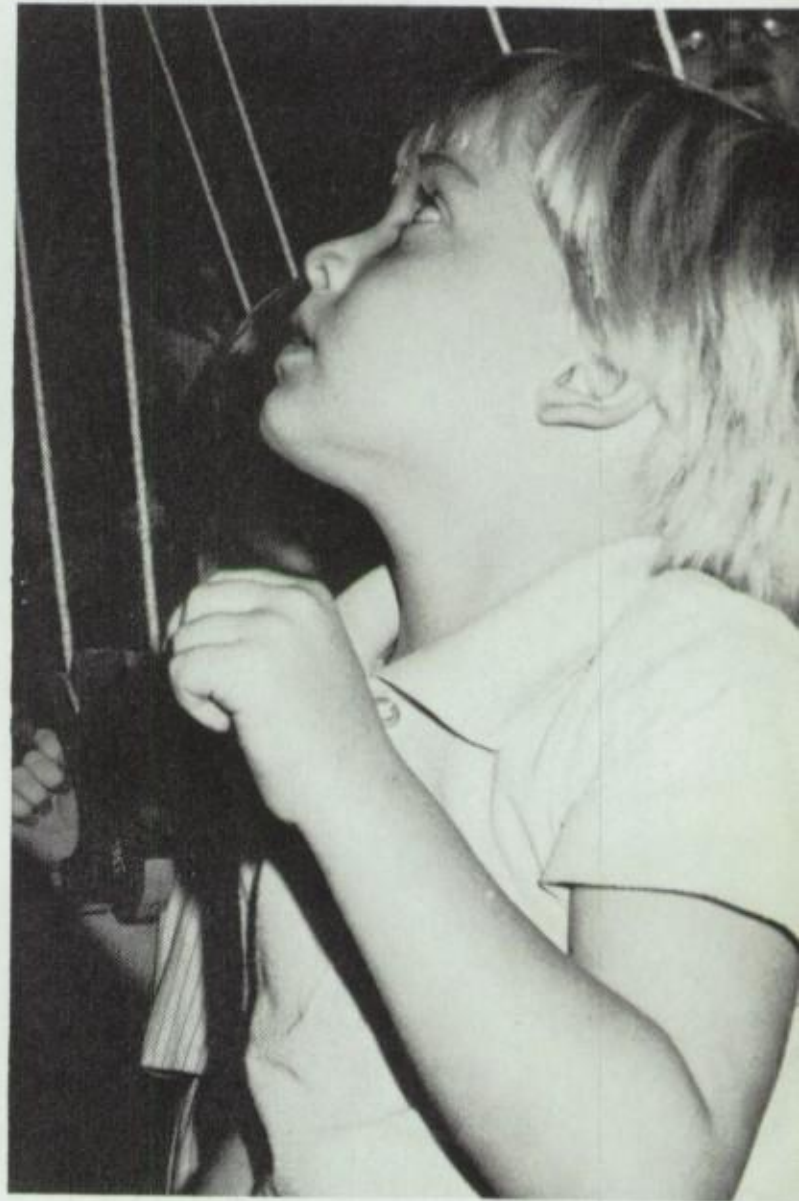
So, although today's festival is not the same as the original, the changes do seem to be for the better. The community enjoys the fun and the school system benefits as a whole. This *custom* in some opinions could be thought of as an economical benefactor as well as a time of enjoyment!



Fall Festival Court. Shanna Payne, Justin Buckner, John Watson, Nancy Tepera, Eddie Cate, Michele Williams, Brandt Wright, Hunter Floyd, Penny Payne, Chad Hunter, and Sara McClain represent their classes. Not pictured, Chad Huffhines.



Having fun yet? Hundreds of people crowd Main Street to participate in the annual festivities.



Ready, Set, Go! Clint Hill gets ready to play the Teddy Bear Race at one of the booths during Fall Festival.

The winners are . . . Senior class representatives Nancy Tepera and Eddie Cate are crowned Fall Festival King and Queen. Crown bearers are kindergartners, Sarah McClain and Chad Hunter.

"You have to
get to school before
you can go to school."
sophomore,
Dawn McMahan.

Looking Forward To The New Turf

Van Alstyne continues to grow. With this growth comes many new students and a new problem - overcrowding. To solve the problem the community passed a school bond for a new middle school to be built along with a cafetorium. This leaves the middle school open for elementary use.

While the construction was a much needed addition, it presented many inconveniences for students and teachers alike. One of the problems was the constant noise.

Miss Jane Ripley, science teacher, "It's a dull roar about 40 to 50% of the time. It's real irritating!"

Ashley Stinton, junior, "One day we were in Miss Ripley's class and we heard this BOOM!, then again, BOOM! It interrupted class."

Another problem caused by the construction was parking. Holly Owen, junior, "The

crowded parking has driven me mad; if you are one of the last people to get to school it's hard to find a parking place."

Teachers didn't have an easy time either. Their regular parking spaces were moved to the side of the building.

Mrs. Brenda Bonner, English teacher, "I don't like all the mess out there."

What do most high school students think about the middle school students being brought to the campus?

"The high school is not a middle school where a bunch of little kids are to be running around." Michelle Wolfe, junior.

But the middle school students and faculty are delighted that they are moving. Mrs. Jo Beth Lightfoot, middle school secretary, "I think it's wonderful we will have new facilities and more space."



Parking Lot? A new concrete parking lot under construction as the present parking lot is ripped to shreds.



VA Middle School Addition. The future home of the middle school students and faculty was under construction on the north end of the high school.



Out with old. Not only the high school was under renovation, but the middle school gym was also being remodeled.

Green eggs and anything else you might want to eat is available in the new cafeteria that is located in front of the original high school building.



Happenings

"Being nominated Homecoming queen was a lot of fun and will be one of my favorite memories of my senior year."
Candace Wright

Fast Times At VA High

Those fast and furious days that lead to Homecoming 1985 were full of mum orders, balloons, and getting a date to the dance.

Cheers for the mighty Panthers kicked off this year's homecoming game against the Tom Bean Tomcats. Panther fans cheered the team through the game, although we won easily with a score of 54-12.

"I'm glad we won, but the game was so boring; we literally ran over Tom Bean!" junior, Bryan Trapp.

Halftime brought even more excitement and enjoyment to the game. The High-Steppers and the Panther Band had a great performance that was followed by the crowning of the 1985 Homecoming Queen. This year's nominees were: Tammy Lynch, junior; Nancy Tepera, senior; Jody Wesson, senior; and Candace Wright, senior. Before Friday, Tammy Lynch said, "I can't believe I

was nominated. I won't even believe it when I'm out on the field in my dress!"

After the voting by the student body, Tammy Lynch was crowned as the 1985 Homecoming Queen by the 1984 Homecoming Queen, Melanie Hynds. The four girls were then driven around the field by Doug Flanery, senior, in a 1983 Mercedes Convertible.

After the successful victory by the Panthers, a dance was held in the high school student center. Lots of people showed up to help celebrate the victory and made the dance a big success. The Student Council sponsored this event and featured Mike Chandler as the D.J.

Overall, this year's homecoming was full of great times and created many fond memories.

All night long. Juniors, Craig Page and Shelly Morgan celebrate after the game at the Homecoming Dance.





Moments after victory. Queen Tammy Lynch and her court are escorted around the field in Melanie Hynd's 1983 Mercedes.

Tears of joy. Shed by junior Tammy Lynch on the arm of her father Charles Lynch as she is announced 1985 Homecoming Queen.



Homecoming court. Queen, jr. T. Lynch and father C. Lynch, J. Tepera and daughter N. Tepera, T. Ruiz and daughter J. Wesson, W. Lane and niece Candace Wright.



Close but no cigar. Junior Billy Wilson attempts an interception but the catch isn't made. That's okay because we still won the game.

Happenings

Standing in line for lunches in the snack line at the middle school cafeteria kids wait anxiously for food.



Brown bagging it. Eighth grader Julie Bengston makes her way to the middle school cafeteria, instead of going to town.

Chowing down. Neil Bodecker, Chris Murphy, Josh Stinton, and Terry Lawrence eat cafeteria food since they are not able to go to town.





A Broken Tradition

"I like
to sit and talk
but I would rather go and
eat somewhere else."
Jenny Renne

For many years past the middle school students have been allowed to have open campus with parental permission, but this year has presented new ideas about lunch. This year the students are required to stay and eat lunch at school.

But more important are the reasons for this change. VAISD Board Member Larry Renne explains, "The main reason for the middle school closed campus was due to the safety hazards that existed. With the middle school being open, the kids had to walk and the high school students were in cars so it caused tremendous safety problems."

The other reasons that were part of the decision made were that, Mr. Renne says, "The board didn't feel that at that age the students would be able to get to town and eat a balanced meal in 35 minutes." Also, he stated, "All of the other middle schools in our district have a closed campus."

But where does all of this leave the students? Some feel it isn't quite fair to them person-

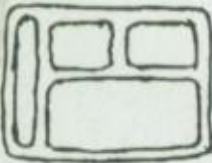
ally. Eighth grader, Bryan Morgan feels cheated because, "Nobody really got hurt and not everyone was causing trouble."

So now closed campus is being put into affect and these kids must either buy their lunch in the cafeteria or bring their lunch from home. Seventh grader, Misty Wilson doesn't look forward to the idea of eating the school's food, "It's terrible! I bring my lunch everyday!"

Though it does seem to sound harsh and unfavorable, it can't really be all that bad.

Eighth grader, Jennifer Coleman looks at closed campus from a different angle, "It's not all that bad because you don't have to worry about getting to town and back in such a short amount of time."

Time always brings change, though some may not seem to be reputable to begin with. Changes, with time, also brings rationality. So one tradition has been broken but a new tradition has been started.

LET'S EAT!!!	SOMETIMES	ALWAYS	NEVER
 =	59%	15%	26%
 =	64%	27%	9%
 =	64%	17%	35%

When Money Talks . . . People Listen

When prom night comes around, money talks. And this year's Junior-Senior Prom on May 17th really proved that! Teachers, parents, and students alike donned their best for a night on the town.

The junior class put their all in their Fall Festival booths and magazine sales to make the prom the best ever. They had to raise the funds and spend time choosing the right setting for this big event. This year that place turned out to be the Richardson Hilton.

"The prom was really great until the flowers caught on fire. I thoroughly enjoyed it and wouldn't have missed it for the world. The juniors did a *fabulous* job!" - Amy Guinn, Sr.

Then, of course, the date. Finding one and paying for them is a good and expensive start. But, of course, some do choose to go 'stag'. All people must take the necessary time and money to find the perfect attire for this big occasion.

"I had to pay Rod's way and it wasn't easy, especially with all of our other senior class expenses." - Wendy Billups, Sr.

Then came prom night and time to leave. Parents take pictures, but that's not good enough. Everyone arrived an hour and a half early to wait in line and spend even more money on pictures. Rented cars were another item that some of this year's party-goers chose to spend their money on.

A lot of money or not, the prom was a big success. It featured good food, Senior Wills, Junior Prophecies, and a speech by Mr. John Partin about taking risks. Then, last, but not least, a fantastic dance with Joe Folger, from KEGL, wrapped up the evening.

"The prom is always special because everyone gets to dress up, eat good food, and dance the night away. The senior prom is even more special because it's one of our last times together." - Candace Wright, Sr.

"I am really looking forward to it. It's neat going all out money wise."
Mike Domingos, Jr.

Oh how sweet! Before leaving for prom, Wendy Billups, Sr., receive corsage from her date, Rod Hawki Jr.

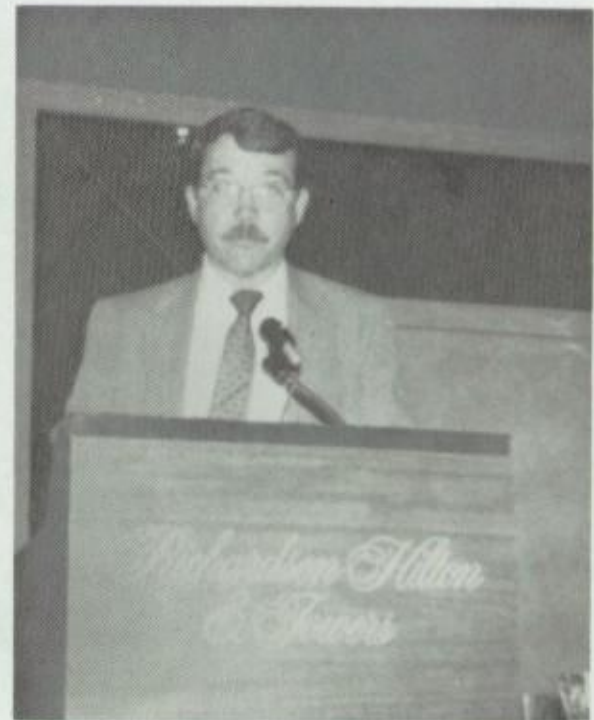
Shall we dance? Mandy Zastudil, and her date, Donnie Neill, share dance at the end of the evening.



Is it ready yet? Tammy Murley, gets the works in preparation for evening ahead — courtesy of mom



And next he . . . Fed the ghila monster . . . Mr. John Partin uses a story about a ghila monster to illustrate his talk about taking risks.



Time to party? The head table waits for the real fun to start after finishing their meal.

Let's twist again! Mrs. Bonner and Harold Gonzales do the twist at the dance after the prom.

"They are looking on to high school with great anticipation."
Mr. Jerry Page
Jr. High Principal

Moving On To Bigger And Better Things



Just a little longer! Several future freshmen counted the seconds as their middle school days came to an end.

Taking the step from eighth grade to high school is an important move. It is a move that helps each person to grow in some way. As a symbol of the step, graduation is held for the eighth graders each year.

Last year's ceremony was different from years past. Instead of being held in the daytime, the ceremony was given at night in order to allow more families and people of the community to attend.

Jennifer Coleman, eighth grader, said, "I thought it was more formal; not because of the outfit, but because it was held at night and more family and friends could come."

Another difference was the use of ushers. Four seventh graders were chosen by the teachers to hand out programs and bring in the graduates.

Those selected were: Jodi Fletcher, Eric Carter, Kelly Cunningham, and Marty Copeland. The pianist for the ceremony was Nancy Weatherley.

Chosen as Outstanding Girl and Boy of the class was Carey Conner and Chris Weatherley. "I thought of it as an honor. I really didn't think they'd do anything like that," said Carey Conner, eighth grade Outstanding Girl.

Moving on to bigger and better things is seen through the ritual of eighth grade graduation. This ceremony helps bring in a new phase to the students' lives. Julie Bengtson, eighth grader, expressed this by saying, "I'm really looking forward to all the new things and seeing my talents come through."



Penny For Your thoughts. Tracy Lamson and Amy Sircle anxiously waited for the ceremony to start as they talked about the event.



TOP TEN
 Devon Bengtson
 Carey Conner
 Jeanne Coyle
 Gayla Henderson
 Allen Holtzman
 Tracy Lamson
 Chey Laube
 Brian Morgan
 Chris Weatherley
 Brent Williams

Another Door Closed. As the eighth graders march into the Middle School Gym, where the graduation was held, parents look on proudly.

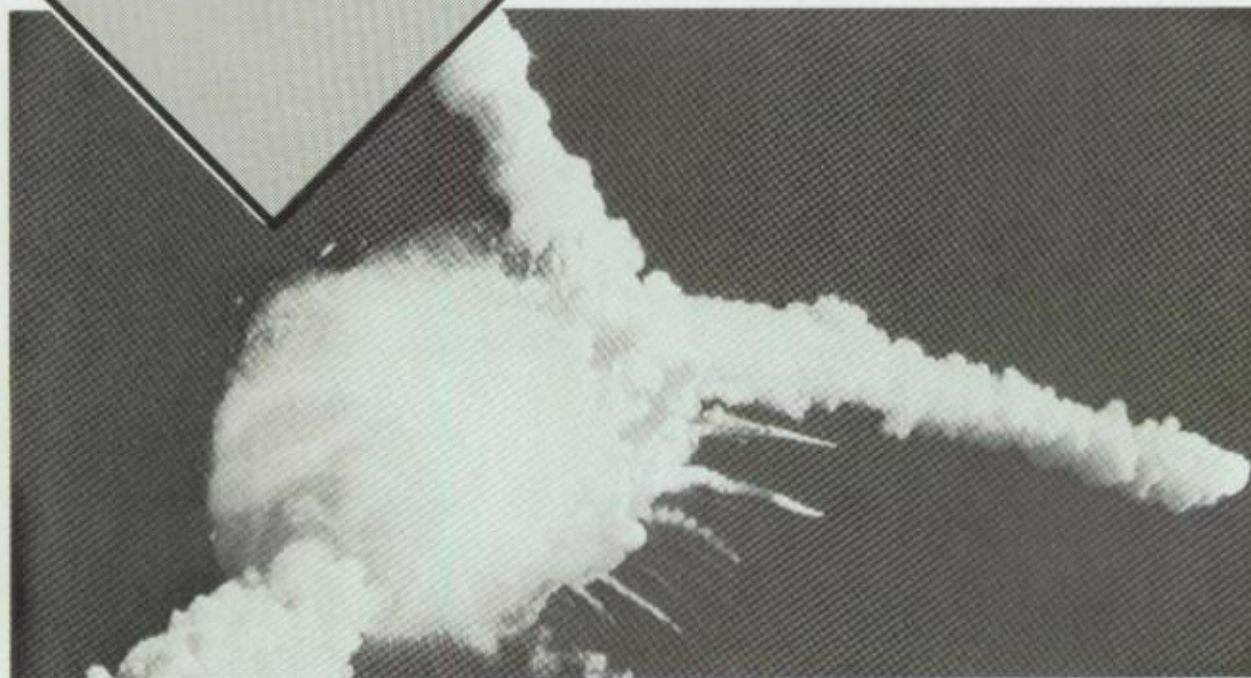


Eighth Grade Class: Back row - Ana Yost, Patrick Williams, Brent Williams, Chris Weatherley, Sam Thornhill, Josh Stinton, Mark Stevenson, Ginger Stevens, Nichole Spencer, Misty Sloan, Amy Sircle, Robin Ross, Stacy Rollins, Ryan Reed, Bracken Reece, Mark Phelan, Brian Morgan, Kristi Moore, Chris Moody, Valerie Miller, Penny Madding, Tammy McCabe, Allen Leach, Terry Laurence, Chey Laube, Tracy Lamson, Casey Jones, Christy Huffines, Allen Holtzman, Jason Hix, Natalie Hill, Jeanne Hix, Gayla Henderson, Mary Harris, Sheila Graf, Larry Gentry, April Geyr, Sarah Evans, Lori DeHaven, Jeanne Coyle, Curtis Corbray, Amy Copeland, Westly Cook, Carey Conner, Jennifer Coleman, Trudy Christman, Shannon Cannon, Neil Bodecker, Julie Bengtson, Devin Bentson, Shawn Beaty, and Julie Batchelor.

Happenings

What's In The News

"A chill went
through my body when
I heard the news."
Brenda Bonner



A tragic accident. Space Shuttle Mission 51-L exploded about ten seconds after liftoff from the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida, January 28, 1986. The shuttle was carrying seven astronauts including the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe. Also aboard were: Michael Smith, Francis R. Scobee, Ronald McNair, Ellison S. Onizuka, Gregory B. Jarvis, and Judith A. Resnik. The suspected cause of the disaster was a deteriorated seal on the solid rocket booster.

Photograph was courtesy of the Sherman Democrat and the Associated Press.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Superbowl XX
Chicago Bears
Cotton Bowl
Texas A&M
NBA
Boston Celtics
or
Houston Rockets
NCAA
Louisville Cardinals
Wimbledon
Boris Becker, West
Germany
Martina Navratilova, USA

WHAT'S IN

Jams
sunglasses
Ropers
Levi 501's
"like a big dog"
bobbed haircuts
SWATCH watches
Shaker-knit sweaters

WHAT'S OUT

neon colors
Pee Wee Herrman
Madonna look
Michael Jackson
8-track tapes
"I'm so sure"
"Gag me!"

Texas' Biggest Story- The Delta L-1011 jet crashed at the D/FW International Airport on August 2nd, 1985. The airplane was caught in wind shear during an undetected storm. This close-to-home disaster killed 137 people and was the top-breaking news story in Texas for 1985. Photograph courtesy of the Sherman Democrat and the Associated Press.





Coke is it! Or is it? Once upon a time Coke was the "Real Thing", then they changed it. So, if 'new' Coke was "It" why did they bring 'old' Coke back? And where does that totally "Outragious" Cherry Coke fit into the picture? If people drink Coke for stimulation, what is the purpose of Caffeine Free Coke? But Hey! How about Dr. Pepper? It was "out of the ordinary", so what about now, is it one of them? Coke - Catch the wave . . . if you can.

Libyan leader. Col. Moammar Khadafy this year engaged in armed aggression against the United States. Photo courtesy of the Sherman Democrat and the A.P.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

ROCK 69%

rock group
country group
rock singer
country singer
rock song

country song

- FAVORITES -

COUNTRY 31%

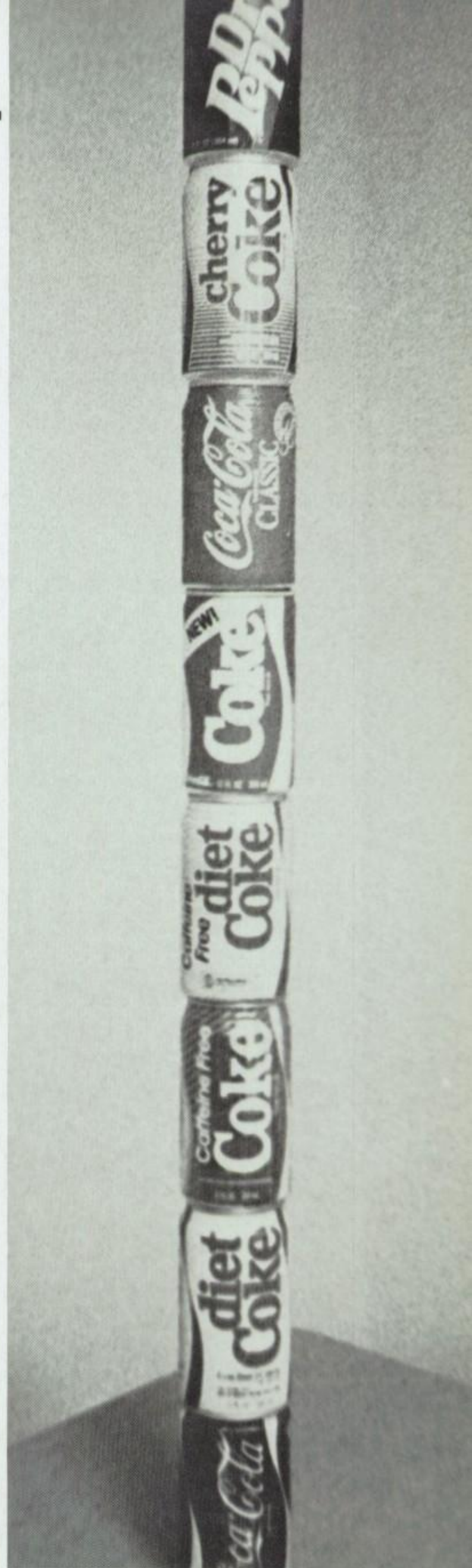
The Outfield
Alabama
Phil Collins
George Strait
"If You Leave"
by OMD
"Grandpa"
by the Judds



Space Shuttle Crew: Back row - Ellison S. Onizuka, Sharon Crista McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis, Judith A. Resnik, Michael J. Smith, Francis R. (Dick) Scobee, and Ronald E. McNair. Photo courtesy of the Sherman Democrat and the A.P.

WHO'S WHO IN GOVERNMENT

U.S. President
Ronald Reagan
Vice President
George Bush
Texas Governor
Mark White
State Senators
John Tower
Loyd Bentson
State Representatives
District Four
Ralph Hall



Happenings

The Best Of All The Rest

"I was glad
to see our athletes
recognized and awarded for
their talents and
abilities."
Robin Reynolds,
fresh.

Three successful banquets were kicked off at this year's end. Food and awards were the main attractions, while guest speakers made their appearances with some inspiring speeches. The organizations that put on these banquets were athletics, band, and agriculture.

Guest speaker for the Ag Banquet was Mr. C.L. Simco of Van Alstyne. French's of Sherman catered the event.

Said Darrin Stewart, a junior, "I thought the Ag Banquet was set up and organized well. I enjoy the speaker. It was really nice."

At the Band Banquet, which was catered by Honey Creek of Van Alstyne, there was no guest speaker; however, many awards were handed out.

"It was a time for all those who worked so hard to be recognized," said Dawn McMahon, a sophomore.

Wendy Billups, a senior, said, "I enjoyed the band banquet because it was our night just for the band to be honored."

The Sports Banquet was catered by Underwood's of Sherman and the guest speaker was Mr. Vance Morris, defensive coordinator at Austin College. He gave an interesting speech on winning attitudes.

After the speaker, awards were handed out. Karin Brown, recipient of the Panther Pride Award, said, "It was funny because we were playing with the candle and I didn't know they had called my name."

Senior Laura Minchey, who received two awards, said, "The awards I received paid off for all the hard work!"

That was the banquets main purpose: to recognize and honor all the hard work the students of these organizations put forth.

"I feel like all students perform better when they get recognition for achievements they have accomplished. The banquets recognize the efforts of students and therefore they want to do more — better." Coach Mike Weatherley.

"Geez Guys, Thanks!" The Van Alstyne Band Boosters present Mr. Mike Perry with a token of their appreciation.

Band

John Philip Sousa Award:

Tammy Murley

Outstanding Musician:

Derek Bengtson

Outstanding Marcher of the Year:

Tim Lamson

Outstanding Bandsman:

Laura Sloan

Most Improved Boy:

Brent Williams

Most Improved Girl:

Amy Guinn

Service Award:

Chikako Wilkinson

Michelle Domingos





For Me? Coach Debra Manley beams at her track girls; Holly Owen, Pam Pittman, Lisa DeHaven, and Kathy O'Cain as they present her with a gift at the Sports Banquet.

Look at This Mr. Vance Morris, guest speaker for the Sports Banquet, holds up his handtowel given by the Athletic Club.



Athletics

Outstanding Athlete Award:

Paul Hicksom
Chuck Haker
Laura Minchey

Panther Pride Award:

Scott McTee
Eddie Cate
Scott Campbell
Karin Brown

Scholastic Award:

Nancy Tepera

Basketball Most Valuable Player:

Melissa Ferguson
Nancy Tepera
Craig Page
Jay Cooper

Football Booster Club Award:

Timmy Gipson

Outstanding Back Award:

Craig Huffhines

Outstanding Lineman Award:

Michael McCollum

Baseball Most Valuable Player:

Derek Bengtson

Baseball Most Improved:

Craig Page

Track Most Valuable Player:

Laura Minchey
Billy Wilson

Tennis Most Valuable Player:

Michelle Weatherley
Rebecca Buckner
Justin Buckner

Golf Most Valuable Player:

Scott McTee
Jana Lightfoot

Volleyball Most Valuable Player:

Rebecca Buckner

Ag

Beef Products:

Mike Domingos

Sheep:

Greg Moody

Dairy:

Amy Noe

Horse Proficiency:

Hunter Floyd

Poultry:

Jennifer Likely

Farm Shop:

Bob Lemons

Rabbit:

James Douglas

Livestock:

Tim Renneker

Fish-Wildlife:

Robert Philbrick

Outdoor Recreation:

Darrell Huddleston

Fruit & Vegetables:

Mike Domingos

Home & Farmstead Improvement:

Ray Sims

Ag Mechanics:

Brian McCasland

Beef Award:

Scott McTee

Sheep Award:

Gary Akins

Helping Hand Award:

Jeff Spencer

Outstanding:

9th-Thomas Brown
10th-Chad Huffhines
11th-Bradley Flatt
12th-Craig Huffhines

Co-op:

Jennifer Likely
Jason Vensel

The Next Bid? During the Ag Banquet, Ag teacher Mr. Damon Motley shows a pair of clippers given to him by the Ag Boosters.

"There's a lot involved in being a senior and there are more privileges too."
Sr. Audra Richie



Class of 1986: Back row - Michael R. McCollum, Brandon J. Stacks, Brandie G. Hix, La-Tonya D. Murphy, Terri A. Hix, Chrystal L. Hodges, Jill L. Aiken, Thomas D. Lamson, Brian A. McCasland, Jason H. Spencer, Charlotte A. Reynolds, Chikako Shimoda - Wilkinson, Audra G. Richie, Danny K. Scalf, Doug C. Flanery, Lisa A. Spradling, Chuck Haker, Paul Hickson, Gregory D. Lay, G. Shane Chandler, Chris L. Taylor, Melissa A. Ferguson, M. Jody Wesson, Edward L. Cate, Harold D. Gonzales, Graham R. Guthrie, Jeffery K. Spencer, Amy A. Guinn, Aaron K. Williams, Laura M. Minchey, Candace A. Wright, N. Michelle Weatherley, D. Scott Campbell, Craig P. Huffhines, Wendy L. Billups, C. Scott McTee, Tammy A. Murley, Stacy W. Burk, Debra Holland, Nancy E. Tepera, and Pamela G. Huff

Look Out World Here We Come

The class of 1986's year got off to a fast start. In early August senior portraits were taken and that is when it began to sink in that the senior class was here and the year belonged to them, "Everything is starting to happen and fall into place." said Terri Hix. As the days turned to weeks and the weeks to months, graduation night quickly approached. Gowns were ordered, programs typed, and diplomas printed. So many things ran through the seniors' minds as they began to make decisions about graduation. How they wanted to have their names printed on their diplomas seemed to be a minor decision but caused the seniors to look toward the future. "I was contemplating on whether or not to put my middle name on it, but I thought how wierd it was to really be out of school for good and I never had to go back." Wendy Billups

The night finally came and the ceremonies were held at the football field. Rain threatened to move graduation to the gym but the clouds cleared and the evening was very pleasant. The

One for the road. Seniors Chris Taylor and Paul Hickson embrace before they set out to take on the world with their new lives.

VAHS Band brought in the seniors with "Pomp and Circumstance", then Nancy Tepera gave her Salutatorian speech on 'Freedom'. Jeff Gore, Debbi Moody, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Coleman sang "That's What Friends Are For" then Candace Wright, Valedictorian, spoke of the accomplishments of the class. Afterwards, Rev. Dennis Wilkinson gave over the controls to the seniors to base their lives on stronger values in his commencement address. The moment that they had been waiting for for thirteen years Superintendent Charles Williams presented the seniors with their diplomas, they moved their tassels, and the graduates were on the way to new and exciting lives.



A Giant step forward. As "Pomp and Circumstance" is heard the graduates file in, the seniors leading are Jody Vesson and Charlotte Reynolds.

Once in a lifetime. Valedictorian for the graduating class, Candace Wright accepts her diploma from Supt. Charles Williams.



Freedom. Nancy Tepera, Salutatorian, speaks on the new freedom of the class and insures that it will not be taken for granted.



Sentimental Tears. Foreign exchange student Chikako Wilkinson sheds a tear as she brings her year in America to a close.



Roger I've got it. Dennis Wilkinson speaks to the seniors on their new responsibilities and encourages them to hold on to strong values.

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Student Council Members Bridget Gaskill, Julie Batchelor, and Misty Wilson were excited when they found out they were allowed to wear JAMS to their end of the year dance.

Blow Me Away!! This years dinner theatre brought several unexpected moments.

Who Fell Asleep?? Several U.I.L. participants study their materials that qualified them for regionals.





One and a Two. Michele Williams and Dawn McMahan practice their concert music in the band hall.

Memorizing lines at the last minute . . . Practicing pyramids as the pep rally starts . . . Buying decorations the day of the dance . . .

All of these moments give an impression of nothing but chaos, but somewhere along the line things all come together and hours of planning and hard work pay off.

Plays are put together by the Drama Club, stock shows are prepared for by the F.F.A., half-time routines are performed by the drill team and band, the annual staff works all year to put *The Paw* together, and the list goes on and on.

Each club has some goal that they prepare and work for all year. As a group of people working together, they reach these goals and provide special memories and good times not only for the members but for many spectators.



JOURNALISM: Back Row: M. Weatherley, C. Wright, Debbie Nance (Sponsor), T. Cook, J. Lightfoot, N. Salmon, D. Davis, W. Billups, S. Wilson, L. Woodroof, R. Reynolds, J. Renne, H. Owen, B. Wright, M. Williams, L. Allen.

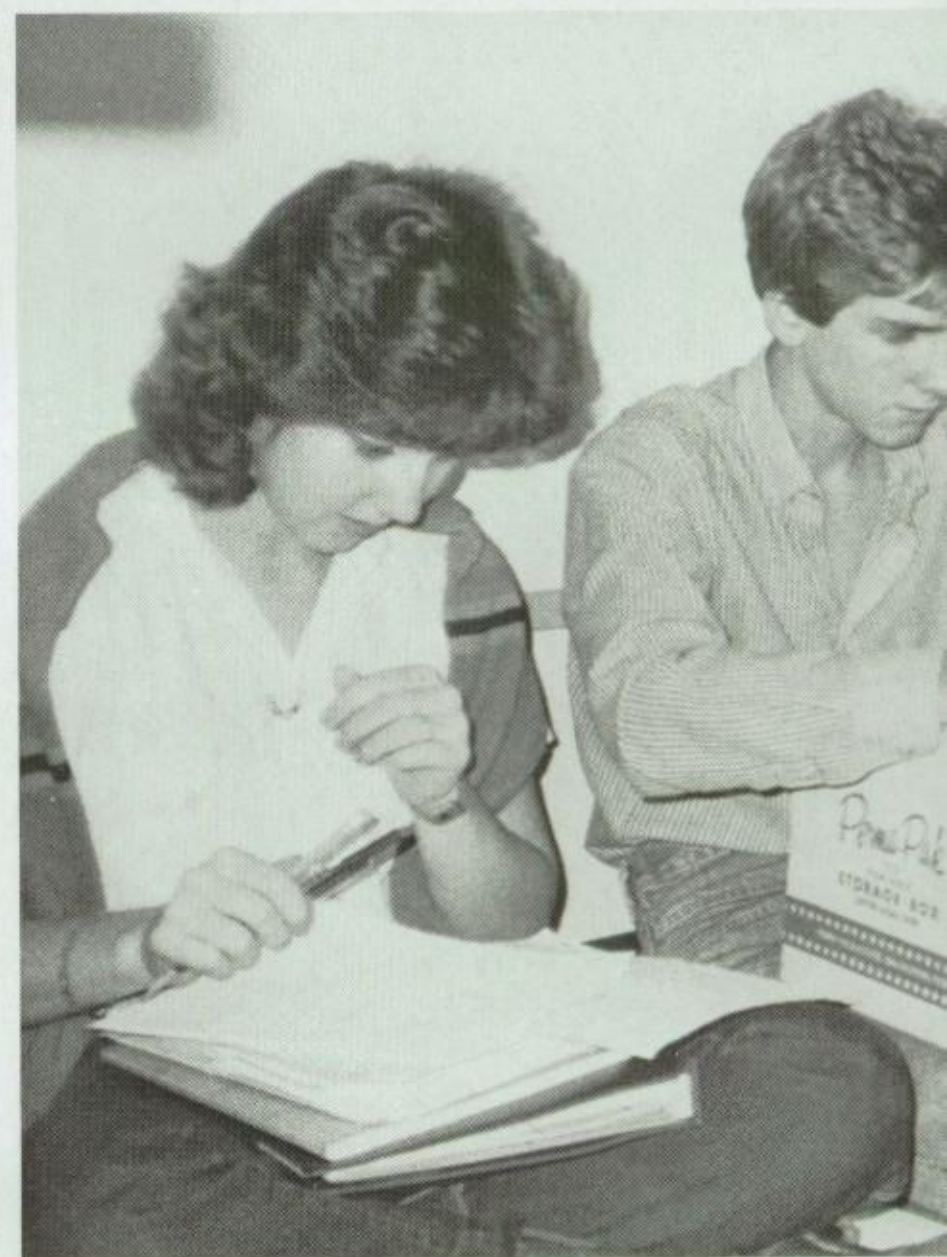


BAND: Back Row: W. Billups, N. Bodecker, M. Allen, J. Lightfoot, J. Coleman, T. Cook, J. Coleman, T. Murley, L. DeHaven, L. Sloan, J. Renne, Mike Metze (Director), G. Henderson, S. Wilson, T. Lamson, T. Lamson, T. Lamson, B. Lemmons, S. Conner, P. Pittman, R. Reynolds, C. Conner, J. Bengtson, M. Weatherley, M. Ferguson, T. Shearer, P. Williams, L. DeHaven, D. Bengtson, C. Moody, B. Williams, L. Allen, T. Bodecker, A. Cherry, C. Moore, N. Spencer, S. Cannon, S. Evans, V. Miller, T. McCabe, A. Holtzman.



SPEECH & DRAMA: Back Row: B. Dixen, S. Smith, J. Coleman, J. Buckner, S. Morgan, S. Wilson, John Wade (Sponsor), S. Forehand, T. Lynch, J. McCullar, S. Batchelor, B. Wright, H. Gonzales, D. Flanery, C. Huffhines, C., Stockl, M. Crawford

I'm not nervous. Are you nervous? Of course not! Frantic chatter can be heard before each performance of the high school band while they are waiting to strut their stuff.



Work Done Behind The Scenes

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Many organizations do work that the public is not aware of. The three organizations that get the least recognition for all their "Behind the Scenes" work were the Journalism Class, the Speech and Drama Club, and the Band. Many long hours of practice go behind the finished and final product of each organization.

The finished product of the Journalism class was a yearbook that captured all the year's memories. "It's so hard because it is so time

consuming," explained Michelle Weatherley, Senior, when asked how she felt about the effort put forth on the yearbook.

The Speech and Drama club is designed to produce plays. These plays include the Dinner Theater, the Christmas Talent Show, U.I.L. One Act Play, and the Senior Play. "The purpose is to get involved and support the cast," explains Senior Jody Wesson, secretary of the Speech and Drama Club.

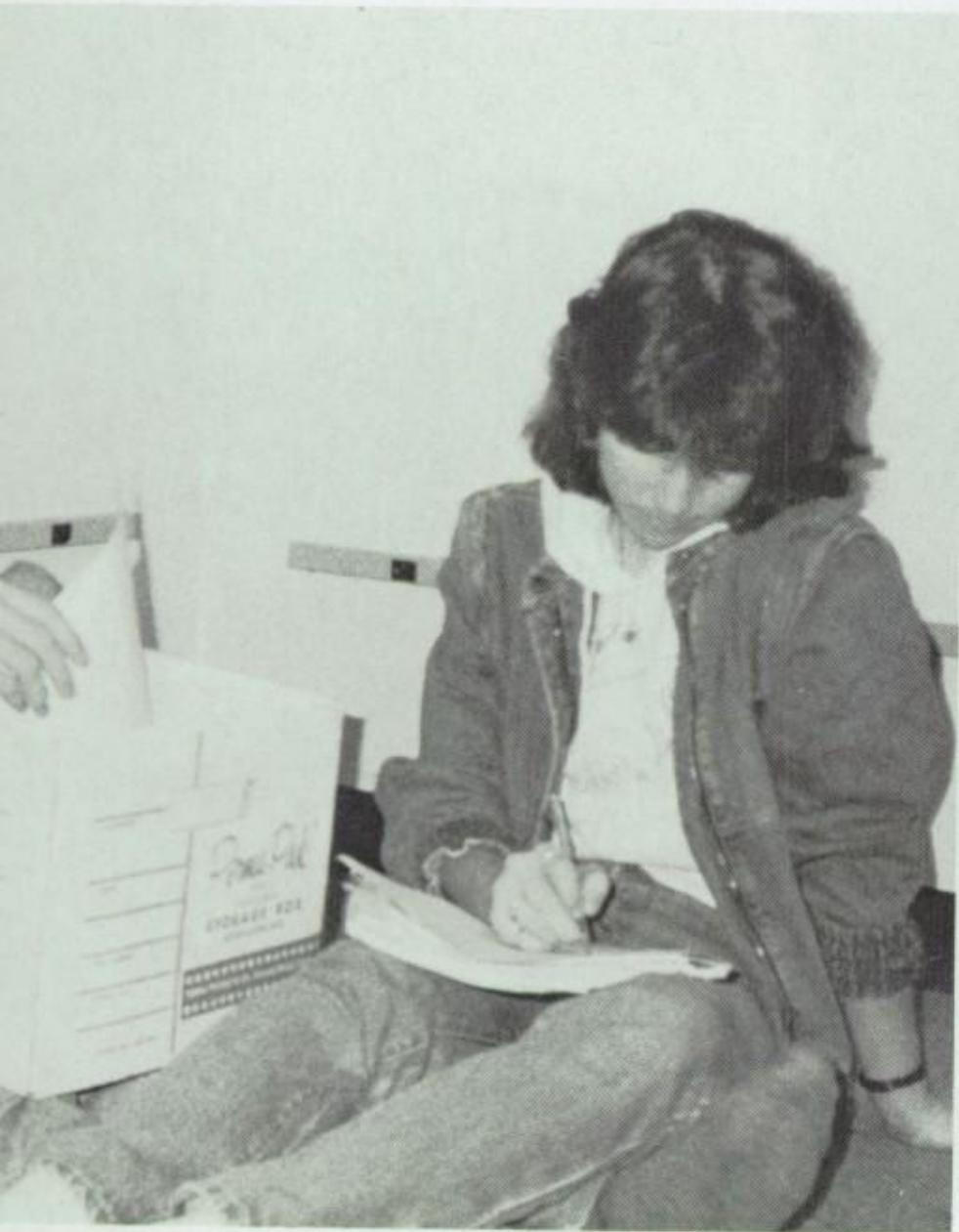
The high school

band works mainly toward competition and providing good entertainment for halftime at the football games. This includes practices on Tuesday nights and coming before school each day. "I think it is worth it to have extra practices," says Dawn McMahan, Sophomore, "especially if we want to represent our school well on Friday nights and at competitions."

The band has competitions they go to annually. Competition is a crucial part of the

bands activities. They start during summer break to work toward marching contest. After marching season, they start working toward concert competition.

The audience is what every one of these organizations works for. They create entertainment you can see, read, and hear. It's not as easy as it may seem. They all take practice, skill, and determination.



Yes, they really do work! Laura Woodroff, Brandt Wright, and Holly Owen work hard to put together the annual in 7th period Journalism Class.

Who is it now?! Marla Wise, Audra Ritchie, and Shelley Douglas greet Paul Hickson as a part of their play, "Meet Me at the Prom".

Leadership is shown in three organizations — Student Council, National Honor Society, and U.I.L. Participants. The members of these clubs are thought to be the leaders of the school.

The Student Council has the highest reputation in school. They planned and sponsored most of the school activities. The student council also got to discuss matters with Mr. Lightfoot before the student body was informed. This year, the student council sponsored all the dances and provided the music for them.

"I think the student council is in a good posi-

tion and they need to take advantage of it more than they do," stated Lara Allen, Junior.

The National Honor Society is an organization that chooses its members. To be asked to join, a person must have an average of 85 or above. "I consider it a privilege to be in N.H.S. because I was recognized for my academic achievements. Not many people can say that," stated Charlotte Reynolds, Seniors.

This year, there were 23 inductees who joined the other 24 members. The requirement for

N.H.S. eligibility was changed from a 90 average to an 85 average. "I don't think they should have lowered the average. It's not fair to the people who keep a 90 average. I'm still glad to see so many people accepted," claimed Mike Smith, Junior.

The other group of elite people are the U.I.L. Participants. These people competed academically with other towns in the district. The One Act Play is also considered a U.I.L. event. "Drama U.I.L. is good because it gives drama students a chance to com-

pete with other drama people considering drama is not on the top of the list of extracurricular activities," said Marla Wise, Junior.

There are many advantages of participating in U.I.L. "It is good competition. It also gives you a chance to meet new people," explained Pam Huff, Senior.

Without these organizations, leadership would not be as dominant. Students not involved in these organizations look up to their peers and try to follow in their footsteps.

U.I.L. Results

Lara Allen: First place-district, Fifth place-regional in Shorthand

Wendy Billups: Second place-district, regional qualifier in Feature Writing

Holly Owen: Second place-district, in Prose and News-writing. First alternate-regional and State qualifier in News-writing

Nancy Tepera: Third place-district, regional qualifier in Science

Michelle Weatherley: Second place-district, regional qualifier in Editorial Writing

Jody Wesson: All Star Cast in the One Act Play

Brandt Wright: First Alternate-district in Headline Writing, All Star Cast in the One Act Play

Candace Wright: First & second place, Editorial & News-writing-district, second place regional and state qualifier in news-writing.



Now Girls! Mrs. Nance tells Candace Wright and Holly Owen how to be a winner in Journalism at the state competition in Austin.

Give Me Five! Darrin Stewart pays Brandt Wright for his admission into a school dance while other students council members look on.



spread the Light! Shelly Wilson and Billy Wilson exchange flames at the National Honor Society induction ceremony.



Student Council: Back Row-J. Likely, D. Campbell, R. Williams, J. Buckner, M. Williams, L. Allen, P. Pittman, K. O'Cain, H. Gonzales, H. Owen, J. Lightfoot, T. Cook, Elizabeth Howard (sponsor), C. Huffhines, D. Bengtson, C. Wright, S. McTee, D. Flanery, B. Wright



U.I.L. Participants: Back Row-John Wade (sponsor), T. Velekei, P. Huff, L. Minchey, J. Buckner, R. Cayce, J. Coleman, C. Huffhines, S. Graf, S. Mahaffey, S. Morgan, C. Wright, Brenda Bonner (sponsor), T. Shearer, S. Wilson, T. Cook, J. Renne, M. Weatherley, N. Tepera, M. Williams, H. Owen, S. Brophy, B. Wright, Kathy Mitchell (sponsor), L. Allen, M. Allen, A. Guinn, W. Billups, D. McMahan, A. Cherry, S. Batchelor, J. McCullar, M. Wise, Deborah Nance (sponsor)



National Honor Society: Back Row-E. Cate, D. Denton, B. Wilson, B. Mosby, C. Huffhines, M. Smith, M. Morgner, S. Conner, L. Sloan, K. Brown, D. Scalf, N. Tepera, J. Ashley, S. Batchelor, R. Buckner, B. Wright, C. Page, M. Williams, S. Forehand, S. McTee, L. Allen, W. Billups, J. Buckner, R. Aly, J. Lightfoot, H. Owen, D. Bengtson, T. Murley, S. Morgan, A. Ritchie, P. Huff, L. DeHaven, S. Brophy, S. Wilson, T. Cook, D. McMahan, J. Renne, Jane Ripley (sponsor), S. Campbell; V. Pres., C. Reynolds; Treas., C. Wright; Pres., M. Weatherley; Sec.



THE HIGHSTEPPERS: Back Row-J. Wesson, K. O'Cain, S. Smith, S. Douglas, K. Brown, D. Davis, M. Halliburton, A. Ritchie, T. Bodeker, M. Domingos, S. Wilson, C. Wilkinson, N. Salmon, T. Cook, S. Mahaffey, P. Huff, A. Guinn, C. Reynolds, G. Hill, T. Lynch; Lt., H. Owen; Capt., S. Graf; Mgr., J. Renne; Co-Capt., J. McCullar; Lt.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Back Row-C. Wright, S. Batchelor, T. Murley; Head, W. Billups, L. DeHaven, M. Wise, S. Morgan, M. Weatherley; Masoct.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: T. Shearer, J. Lightfoot, P. Pittman.

Up, up, and away! Tammy Murley gets a lift from Wendy Billups and Marla Wise during a weekly pep rally.



Flying High! The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders often helped Varsity Cheerleaders during the battle cries at the pep rally.



Mr. and Miss Spirit: Hunter Floyd and Amy Guinn



Miss Highstepper: Shelley Douglas



Howtime! The Highsteppers led by Holly Owen-Capt; Jodi
 enne-Co Capt: Tammy Lynch-Lt; and Jennifer McCullar-Lt;
 entertained the crowds at the football games.

The Cost of Being Spirited

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Being spirited requires lots of time, money, effort, and creativity. That is how the Junior Varsity, and Varsity Cheerleaders, and Drill Team spent their day.

The cheerleaders spent many hours practicing. They practiced each week every day after school. "The practice time was long and tiring but was worth it," stated Lisa DeHaven, Varsity Cheerleader. When not practicing, most of the cheerleaders sought employment to pay for the uniforms. This also demanded a great deal of their time.

The cheerleaders used

their creativity to make signs for the halls, decorate lockers and choreograph pep rallies. "Decorating the halls and making locker signs was hard work, but we enjoyed it and the football players appreciated it," stated Jana Lightfoot, Junior Varsity Cheerleader.

In order to show spirit in the school, the cheerleaders needed a way to raise money. The squads sold mums for Homecoming to obtain money to pay for balloons and other necessary items. "I think it's a good project because we earned money to support our win-

ning team all the way to area." explained Tammy Murley, Head Cheerleader.

Another group that paid the price of being spirited was the Highsteppers. They spent time practicing during the summer and every day after school. The drill team performed at halftime during football and basketball games, and during the pep rallies. Not only did the members enjoy performing, but the crowd equally enjoyed them. "We worked really hard to perfect them," said Tiffany Cook, Sophomore, "and I think that

the audience really enjoyed our shows."

Like all other organizations, the Highsteppers needed a method of getting money. They sold pads with a "Panther" logo. This sale acquired a good sum of money.

The cost of being spirited is a high price to pay and requires a good deal of dedication. The members of these organizations devoted many hours of their time to make the atmosphere more pleasant and the school a better place to be.

Making A Lot Of Noise

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When kids are at the Jr. High age, most of them like to make noise. The cheerleaders yell and the band plays. "My favorite part of cheering is yelling in front of the stands at the games," stated Julie Batchelor, 8th grade cheerleader.

Besides yelling, the cheerleaders put hours of hard work behind everything they did. They practiced often to make the squad better. "Watching the varsity cheerleaders helps us learn to be stiffer with our motions and stuff," explained Bridget Gas-kill, 7th grade cheer-

leader. Not only did the cheerleaders cheer at the games, but they cheered at the pep rallies also. The cheerleaders and students favorite part of the pep rallies were skits. "Skits are one of my favorite parts of cheerleading because it gets the crowds attention," stated Barbi Sullivan, 7th grade cheerleader.

Speaking of noise — the 6th and 7th grade bands were experts. Neither the 6th nor the 7th grade bands had the opportunity to play at the games so they did all of their noise making in

the band hall. They put in long, hard hours of practice for their Christmas performance and Sandy Lake contest in the spring.

All of the 7th grade band students are looking forward to being in 8th grade so they can march with the high school band. "I can't wait until next year when I get to march," stated David Wade, member of the 7th grade band. There were many different opinions about whether the 8th grade band members should

get to join the high school band or not. They think they should get to join. They are going to be beginners whether they join this year or next year," explained Angela Cherry, Freshman member of the high school band.

Making noise and supporting the team at school, and parents at what these 6th and 7th grade band members and cheerleaders are about. They try their hardest and always come out as winners.



Ready, Okay! Chey Laube, Carey Conner, and Barbi Sullivan stand prepared to cheer the football boys on to victory.

Pucker Up!! Barbi Sullivan puckers up to play her French horn.



Watch out Mardi Gras!! Daniel Flatt and Toby Malone, 6th graders, work diligently to play the right notes.



Sixth Grade Band - Back Row: T. Taylor, J. Kisler, T. Lamson, C. Bodeker, S. Netherlain, D. Holland, T. Malone, S. Crosson, S. O'Cain, T. Grant, B. Cate, S. Hassell, C. Marr, D. Flatt, S. Kee, D. Sanderson, J. Partin, B. Jacobson, C. Howard, L. Alexander, S. Self, M. Williams, R. J. Howard, D. Malone, J. Presley, N. Mertz, M. Morrison, L. Reynolds, M. Smith.



Seventh Grade Band-Back Row: B. Lenoir, D. Wade, E. Sanderson, B. Nevil, B. Gaskill, K. Hix, J. Daniels, J. Fletcher, J. Malone, C. Troxtell, B. Jenkins, B. Sullivan, M. Wurscher, K. Whitehead, T. Wallis, J. Renne, K. Cunningham, E. Carter, G. Gibb, K. Null, F. Chandler.



Jr. High Cheerleaders - Back Row: B. Sullivan, C. Laube, B. Gaskill, C. Conner, J. Batchelor, M. Wiggins.



Library Aides - A. Ritchie, R. Buckner, C. Wilkinson, L. Allen, T. Hix, M. McCollum, K. Gentry.



Office Aides - H. Owen, C. Reynolds, R. Aly, A. Guinn, J. Fell, S. Derrick, S. Douglas, H. Gonzales, M. Zastudill, G. Hill, C. Hodges.



Sherman Students - Back Row: B. Stacks, A. Harris, D. Edwards, L. Murphy, P. Beck, Not Pictured: C. Hammons, D. Sims, B. Hix, E. Fisher, C. Elrod.



My Beautiful Hair! Brandie Hix and LaTonya Murphy give Jody Wesson a new look.



Working For A Pat On The Back

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Little Miss Busy Bodies! Shelley Douglas, High School Office Aide, helps secretary Vicki Fletcher with her daily duties.

The Handy Man Can!! Brandon Stacks, Sherman Student, stays late to work on a car for homework.



A pat on the back --- that was what the student aides and the students who took courses in Sherman worked for. The aides worked hard all year without earning a credit. The Sherman students traveled to Sherman each day missing out on half of the day's activities at their own school.

The aides worked hard all year performing a wide variety of duties. According to Senior, Eddie Cate, "My duties range from grading papers to mixing chemicals for lab use." Office aide, Liz Fisher, Junior, performed such duties as "answering the phone, picking up absence sheets, running errands, and filing papers."

Some of our students traveled to Sherman each day to take a course in a subject which they thought would be useful to them in the future.

They left after third period each day which caused them to miss half of the school's activities, including the pep rallies. LaTonya Murphy, Senior, explained, "I hate missing everything that

goes on here. Someone will talk about what happened to so-n-so and I won't know what they're talking about."

The Sherman students took their courses mainly because they already had a career in mind and they needed certain classes which weren't offered in Van Alstyne. "I go to Sherman High School for the automotive class. It's fun, but it's not a total blast. I think the class will help me a great deal in the future," said Chris Elrod, Junior.

Others took them because they saw a course that they thought would be interesting or fun. Debbie Sims, Sophomore, stated, "I take a cosmology class which is more interesting than regular school. It's exciting because it's so much more different than Van Alstyne."

The student aides and the Sherman students work each year for their own personal reasons. They are preparing for their future when others think they are getting out of regular school work.

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Words From Another Country

"¿Como estas?" "¿Que Pasa?" "Hace mucho frio en aqui!" Some students heard these phrases over and over each day. What do they mean? To those who have not taken a Spanish class or are not around the language it sounds like a lot of tongue-tied words. To those who understand and speak the language, it is an open door in their future.

"I thought it would be a lot of fun to learn a different language," explains Freshman, Dana Davis, "It isn't really that hard. It's like learning English when you're a baby; it takes a little time to catch on."

Taking a foreign language can be considered to be required. Some colleges require that a student have taken two years of a foreign language. "I have to take Spanish because the college I want to attend requires that I take two years of it," says Junior, Marla Wise.

Taking a Spanish class also enables the student to join the club that corresponds to the subject. Like the other organizations the Spanish Club has many ideas that they have put together.

Foreign exchange students were another group that experienced a new language. Not only was the language different but they lived in a totally different environment. Christina Stockl, student from Australia shares, "I wanted to be an exchange student because I wanted to spend a year in another country, learn new things, and meet lots of people."

Customs and traditions change from country to country. Chikako Wilkinson, a student from Japan explains, "Most Japanese people are Buddhist but some follow rituals in the Shinto religion."

Most students are allowed to go where they

I don't understand! Chikako Wilkinson, foreign exchange student, asks Mrs. Bonner to explain the assignment.

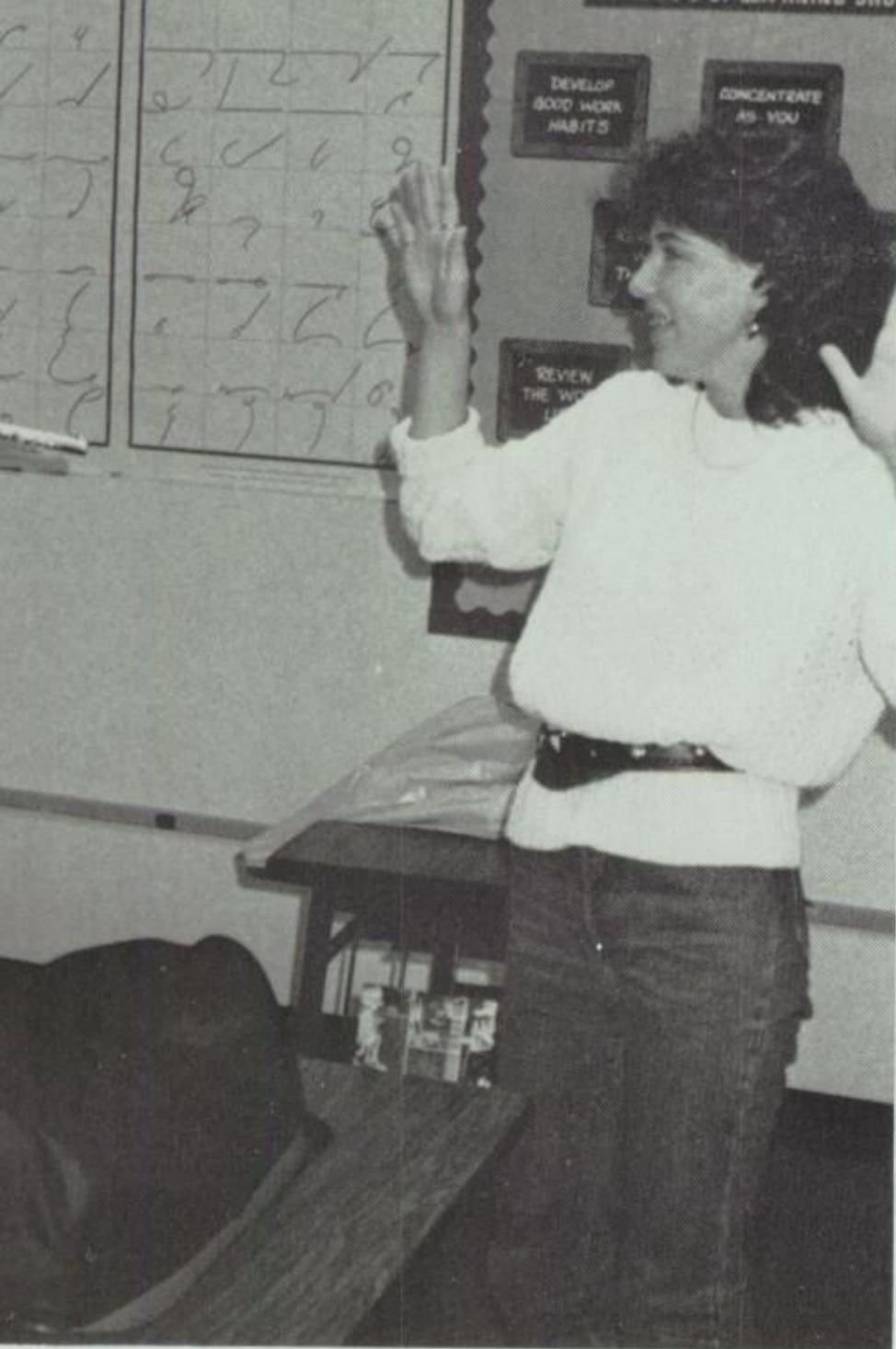
want. "I wanted to come to Texas and I am very happy here," says Bettina Dixen, a student from Denmark.

Being an exchange student involves many changes, but is only for a few select individuals.

Hey hombre! Bang, bang! You're dead! Craig Page attempts to shoot the fair maiden Holly Owen in a final show-down.

They never learn! Jodi Renne, Farrel Ritchie, Tracy Shearer, and Chet Stevens stand on the chairs in their second period Spanish class.





EL CIRCULO DE AMISTAD: Back Row: M. Wise, L. Harrison, C. Wright, S. Morgan, K. O'Cain, L. Woodroof, S. Brophy, Beth Howard (Sponsor), B. Wright, C. Page, D. Holland, H. Gonzales, N. Tepera, F. Ritchie, T. Offill, A. Ritchie, S. Campbell, B. Taylor, J. Gardner.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Chikako Wilkinson, Japan; Christina Stockl, Australia; Bettina Dixen, Denmark.



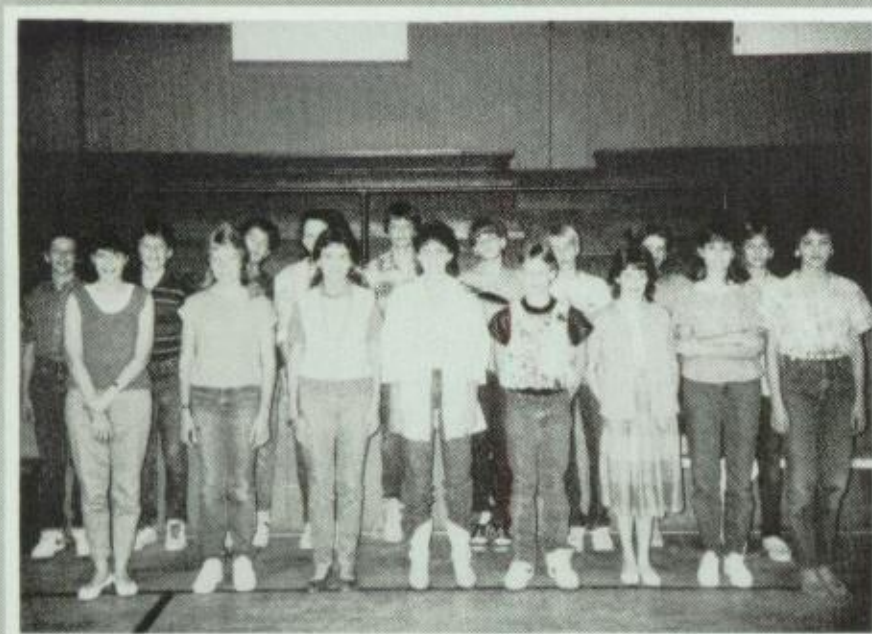
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 The Van Alstyne Fight Song



Jr. High Student Council: Back Row - A. Yost, L. DeHaven, J. Batchelor, M. Wilson, B. Gaskill, T. Lamson, K. Barnes, C. Conner, C. Weatherley, C. Huffhines, G. Stephens, J. Daniels, Nancy Weatherley, M. Doty, H. Grinke, J. Nix, S. Beaty, S. Kee, K. Hix, E. Carter, B. Morgan.



Science Club Officers: C. Huffhines, J. Coyle, D. Bengtson, B. Morgan, C. Laube, J. Batchelor, G. Stephens, C. Conner.



U.I.L. Competitors: Back Row - D. Wade, B. Williams, B. Morgan, J. Coleman, J. Fletcher, P. Williams, C. Weatherley, D. Bengtson, B. Jenkins, J. Bengtson, T. Lamson, C. Conner, T. Coyle, E. Carter, B. Sullivan, K. Cunningham, B. Gaskill. Not Pictured: T. Taylor, J. Kisler, M. Gentry, D. Holland, S. Crosson, B. Reece, T. Lamson, B. Cate, S. Kee, S. Trail, K. Gann, J. Nix.

Push the Red One! Valerie Miller and Christy Huffhines mess around with the equip-

ment at the Houston space center.



The Big Winners. At the UIL 7th and 8th grade meet Julie Bengtson placed 6th in Oral Reading; Barbi Sullivan, 1st in ready writing; Bridgett Gas-

kill, 6th in Spelling; and Ke Cunningham, 5th in Spelling. Not pictured; Alan Holtzman, 1st in Science.

Junior
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Accomplishments

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Junior High can be full of accomplishments as can High School. Three groups of Jr. High students have achieved some major accomplishments. They are the student council, the science club, and the UIL participants.

The Jr. High holds elections at the beginning of the year for student council members. The student council plans one or two activities each year for the student body. This year the major activity was the

Soc Hop in the fall. "The first dance was a big success. The kids can hardly wait till we have the next one. The teachers had a lot of fun too," commented Nancy Weatherley, sponsor.

The Jr. High science club is made up of 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in science activities. The science club takes an annual trip to Houston on which they tour NASA. They take several trips to a farm to collect specimens for class and they

take a trip to Lake Texoma to observe Bald Eagles. "I wanted to join the science club because of the trips to Mr. Whitehead's farm . . . and we get to go to NASA. I think this is a great experience," said Tracy Lamson, 8th grade.

There are several different areas in which students can compete in UIL. Three competitors and an alternate are chosen for each subject. To even get to compete is an honor. Students go through a series of tests

to decide who will go. "The reason I competed is because of the challenge of competing against people of equal intellectual capabilities," Jennifer Coleman, 8th.

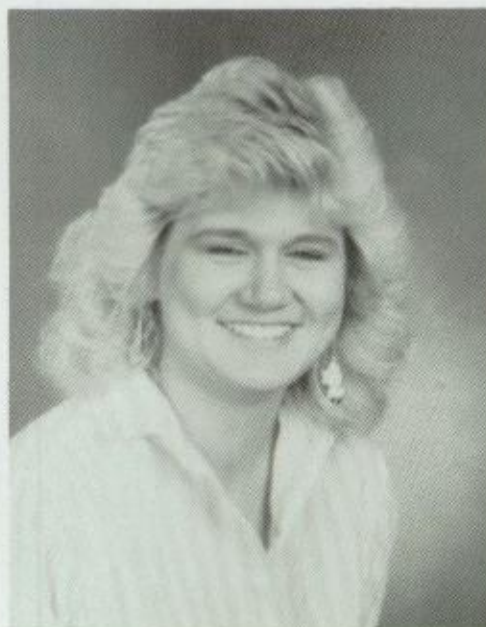
Through thick and thin the Van Alstyne middle school student council, science club members, and UIL participants provide a better surrounding for their fellow students.

Now What?! Bridgett Gaskill and Terry Lamson discuss student council activities with Mrs. Weatherley.



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"I'm honored to be chosen as FFA Sweetheart because it is a nice way to represent the school. It is flattering to know the FFA members want me to represent them, too," stated Tammy Lynch, Junior.



Having Fun

Showing Off

Going to shows or competitions is how the Future Farmers of America and the Future Homemakers of America spend the school year. They are organizations in which the members take on responsibilities and can "show off" their projects.

These organizations are supported by the state so dues are a little more expensive. "I'm not in FHA this year because the dues are too expensive," explained Michele Williams, Junior. This is not necessarily the attitude of high school students. FHA and FFA have the highest membership in every high school.

Lots of time and effort go into raising an animal for show or spending time on projects. Sometimes having the patience is worth it in the long run but only one can win Grand

Champion. "I got 'gated!' In other words, I was thrown out with the rest," stated Junior, Bryan Trapp when explaining how he did at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

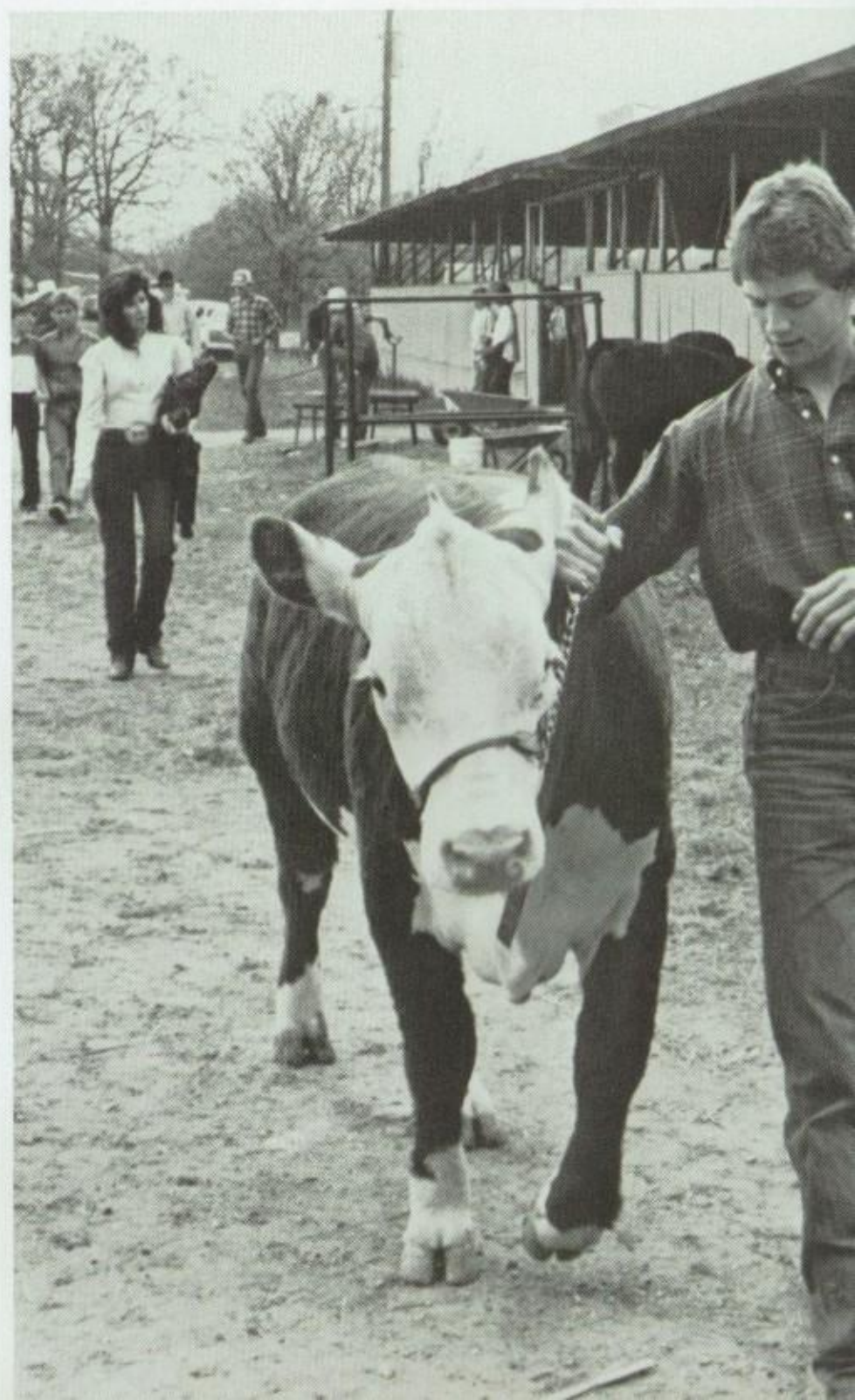
"Fort Worth was really great! It was good experience for Loy Lake," said Rodney Wilson, Junior. Loy Lake seemed to be the most important show because friends from other towns are there competing, also.

"Loy Lake was fun. I won two blue ribbons and a judge even asked for one of my recipes," explained Freshman, Angela Cherry.

Members of these organizations have reasons to be proud. They have worked hard all year to "show off" their projects to represent our school.

Whoa Doggie! Craig Huffhines helps lead a steer to the ring for judging at Loy Lake.

Rock-a-bye Babies! Kevin Day, Robin Aly, Craig Page and other FHA members rocked all night for a fund raiser.





FHA: Back Row- Karla Cannon (sponsor), K. O'Cain, R. Buckner, B. Bannister, D. Coyle, R. Aly, R. Beaumont, B. Taylor, G. Guthrie, T. Long, R. Lemons, J. Kirley, R. Williams, K. Day, C. Page, M. Allen, A. Cherry, D. Campbell, T. Hix, C. Taylor, L. Spradling, M. Zastudil, A. Stinton, S. Forehand, C. Wilkinson, T. Harrison, M. Locks, P. Huff, C. Wright, C. Reynolds, A. Guinn, K. Gentry, M. Weatherley, W. Billups, A. Ritchie, S. Douglas, L. Harrison, T. Bodeker, D. Williams, J. Brophy.



FFA: Back Row- D. Huddleston, B. Trapp, B. Flatt, P. Pittman, J. Renneker, R. McCabe, B. Rodd, T. Brown, F. Ritchie, B. Smith, K. Walsh, S. Wright, T. Giles, S. Key, T. Renneker, S. McTee, J. Spencer, J. Likely, C. Haker, D. Lawson, T. Harrison, M. O'Brien, S. Trammell, M. Locks, R. Gouard, R. Haliburton, B. McCasland, G. Moody, R. Philbrick, K. Blair, T. Murley, S. Holloway, M. Wolfe, J. Tepera, J. Trammell, M. Jackson, J. Watson, J. Waller, J. McTee, G. Doggett, S. Chandler, G. Barcheers, J. Sprowl, T. Lynch, G. Akins, K. Simco, C. Huffhines, M. Zastudil, A. Stinton, S. Moore, L. Harrison, D. Denton, D. Stewart, J. Cooper, B. Mosby, J. Douglas, D. Hunter, G. Beaty, P. Hickson, S. Payne, A. McCollum, M. Moody, V. Linkswiler, C. Wright, M. Crawford, D. McBee, J. Kirley, L. Hemphill, S. Moore, R. McMorris, M. Corbet, S. Derrick, R. Lemons, D. Small, M. Domingos, D. Williams, B. Lemmons, J. Vensal, S. Dhane, R. Sims, G. Lay, A. Flatt, D. Miller, J. Denton, Robert Matthews (sponsor), D. Flanery, H. Floyd, A. Noe, R. Wilson, C. Huffhines, A. Williams, Damon Motley (sponsor).



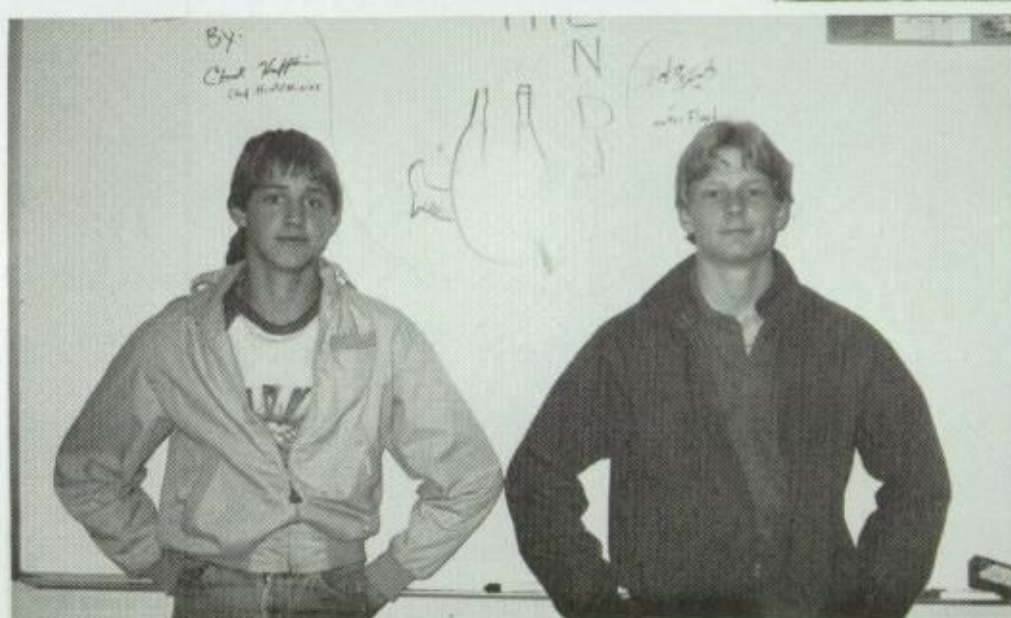
OFFICERS: Back Row- FFA: P. Hickson, Sentinel; R. Wilson, V. Pres.; D. Flanery, Reporter; H. Floyd, Treas.; C. Huffhines, Pres.; A. Noe, Sec. (not pictured); FHA: R. Buckner, Treas.; J. Wesson, V. Pres.; C. Reynolds, Sec.; A. Guinn, Pres.

Old-fashioned Basics

Up Above the Rest. The Spanish I class makes learning a lot more fun while doing uncommon things.

What A Picture!! Hunter Floyd and Chad Huffhines demonstrate their drawing skills.

Come to Jamaica! Dana Davis learns salesmanship skills in her Speech I class.





Cracking the Books. Jack Daniels reads a chapter in his text book in order to pass the next test.

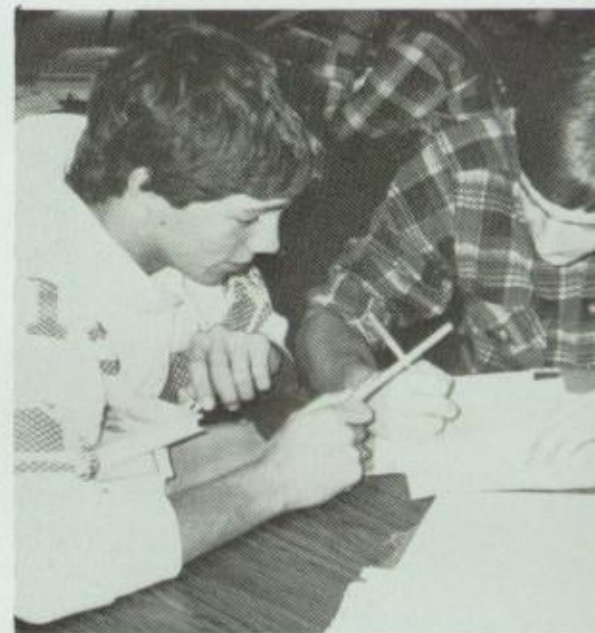
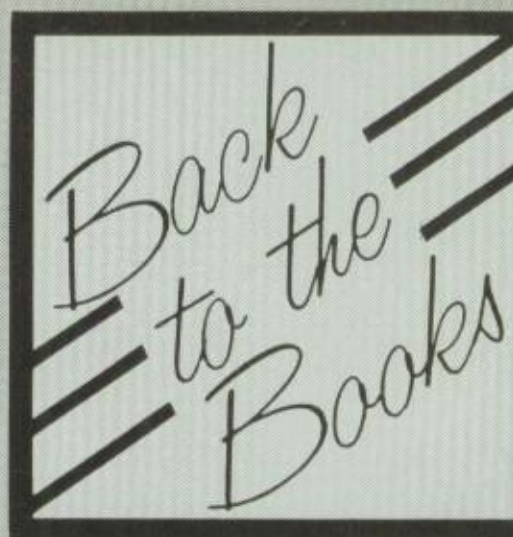
Housebill 72 thrust much more work on the students as well as the teachers. Students were forced to study harder while teachers had to show their competency. Everyone had to comply to many new laws and changes. Students who did not pass all of their classes with a grade of 70 or above could not participate in extra curricular activities. Juniors had to pass the TEAMS test to graduate while teachers found their careers depended on TECAT results. Being successful at the old-fashioned basics such as reading and writing was as important as passing a trigonometry course.

While all these changes were made, a lot of things stayed the same. The seniors still rushed to turn in their research papers, and a lot of homework was still done in the student center just before classes began.

Many more hours of work and thought went into assignments and lesson plans, and school became much more than just time between the weekends.

"That sure is a cute sign. What does it say?" says Freshman Mary Allen while commenting on a shorthand sign.

Academic Attitudes



Everyone between five and eighteen comes to school everyday, Monday thru Friday. Many are involved in Band, Drill Team, cheerleading, and football, and many other activities. Most kids work really hard on these and the next day at school you see many hurrying around asking for someone's homework, or quickly trying to do it for themselves.

Sometimes we forget what school is really for. We come to school for an education. Several people have different opinions on the many classes offered.

There are some classes we love such as Health. "I thought Health was going to be real boring, but Coach Martin makes class interesting and fun at the same time." says Junior Holly Owen.

Some classes we don't even understand!!!!!!

"That sign is cute but what does

it say?" asked Freshman Mary Allen about a shorthand sign.

Some consider classes only as a preparation for the future. "If I decide not to major in accounting I think it would be good to have secretarial skills to back me up." says Senior, Charlotte Reynolds.

Students are not the only ones to comment on how they feel about their classes. History teacher Christopher Smith comments, "In my class we talk about what history is, almost as much as the events themselves."

Business teacher Deborah Nance feels her classes are a little different than most required subjects. "My classes are mostly elective and are taken because they want to not because they have to."

Although some classes are not enjoyed, we learn many things which will benefit us in the future.



Study!!!! Sr. Amy Guinn is seen studying intensely during her last year at school.





Group Work. Seniors Craig Huffhines, Greg Lay, and Scott Campbell are having fun doing their work all together. Senior Debra Holland seems to think working alone is more rewarding and a lot faster.

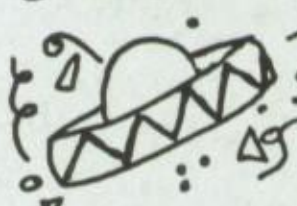
Experimenting seems to be fun? Or it appears to be as Juniors Jennifer McCullar, Sonja Batchelor, & Marla Wise perform one.



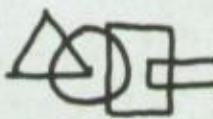
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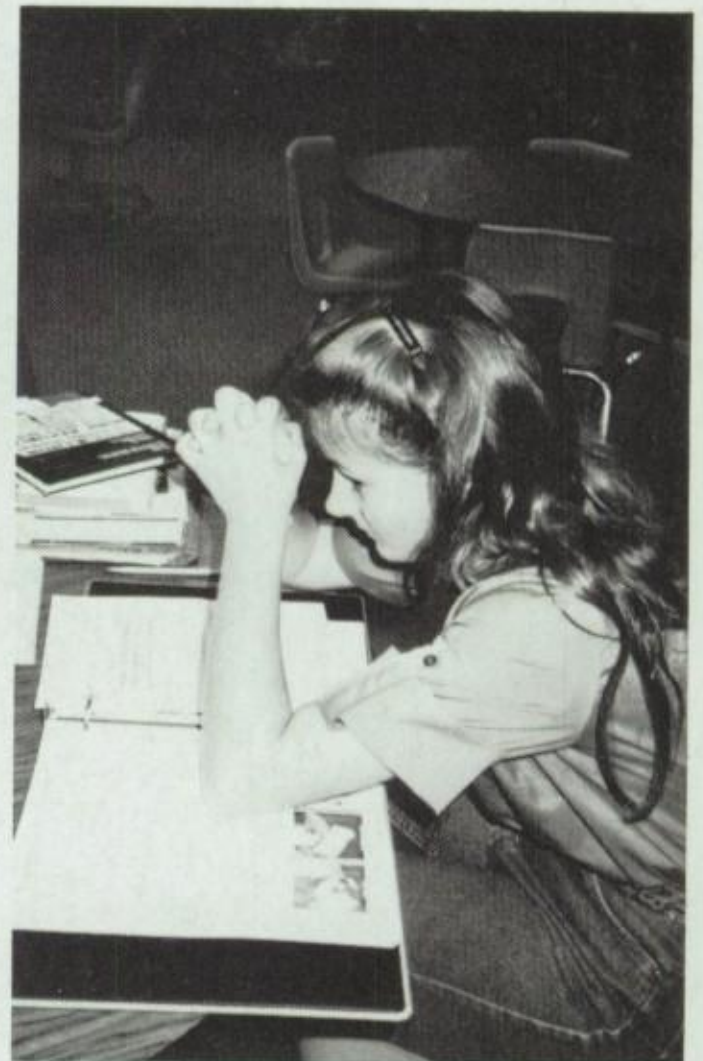
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LEAST FAVORITE CLASSES

 = 10% GEOMETRY

 = 9% ALGEBRA

 W. GEOGRAPHY
+ CHEMISTRY
= 8%



Homework, Homework, and more Homework!! Senior Charlotte Reynolds seems to be the perfect model for this comment.



Baffling Brainteasers

Advanced classes . . . those ominous words. Are they really as hard as they sound? Senior Wendy Billups says, "I don't think they are really all that hard. If the teachers explain it and you really try, you're going to do well." Jodi Renne Soph., who agrees with that statement says, "The advanced classes aren't all that hard but they are a challenge. If you go in ready to work, you are going to do fine, but if you go in thinking the class is going to be a breeze, you're going to be lost!" That seemed to be the general consensus from those in advanced classes.

On the other hand, there are those few whose opinions differed. "Biology II is confusing. I don't know if it's doing me any good yet. I'll have to wait and see. I guess I'll soon find out!" said Junior Rhonda Rubio. Senior Laura Minchey agrees that Typing II is not one of her better classes when she said, "Typing II gets me in a bad mood. I'm glad it is my last class."

Another advanced class taught is Trigonometry. Mrs. Mitchell, the Trig/Pre Calculus teacher says, "It's not for just anyone. Only those who enjoy math and its challenges should enroll in this course." The students in the class seem to pretty much agree with her. "I like the class. Mrs. Mitchell is a really good teacher, so we're

learning a lot, even though what we are learning is hard." said Senior Scott McTee. Candace Wright, Senior, said, "Trig is a very complicated subject and takes a lot of work."

Many students seem to agree that Spanish II, another advanced course offered, is both enjoyable and challenging. "Spanish II is very exciting and informative." said Senior Debra Holland. Other students see the advanced courses as difficult in a different way. "Spanish II is an experience. It's a difficult

class in the sense that we're having to adapt to something other than our culture," said Junior Robin Aly.

Whether these students want to admit it or not, advanced courses are hard and take a great deal of time and effort. The homework in these classes is unbelievable. But all the same, the advanced courses are preparing us for college and work which will make our life a little easier. Like it has always been said, "No pain, no gain!"





I Don't Understand Mrs. Nance is explaining some Shorthand theory to Senior Pam Huff.



This Doesn't Compute! Writing a program in Computer Math can take many hours of work for Sr. Scott Campbell.



Go Fingers Go!! Senior Charlotte Reynolds tries to keep up with the transcriber in Typing II.

Back
to the
Books

Taking The "Final Straw"

"Confucious say ... take final straw and become very wise!" Confucious may or may not know what he is talking about.

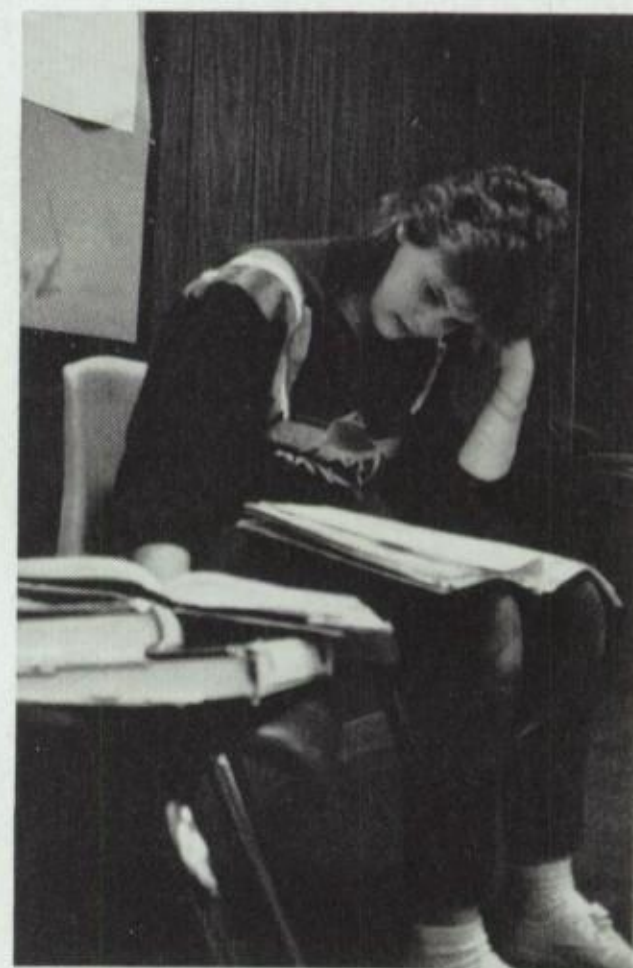
In this case, taking the final straw would consist of three solid days of semester tests. This idea was not very appealing to the student body. Junior Lara Allen said, "I think that a whole years worth of seven classes is too much to put on your brain in a three day period. It should be spread out more. Most people forget everything they

memorized anyway."

Many of the students agreed with Lara that it was too much to put into a three day period. However, there was a positive point brought out by Sophomore Richard Cayce. "I think that they are alright because you can review over the information you have learned." Many saw Richard's point also. So somewhere there has to be a fine median. So where do we stand? "Student body say ... take final straw and become very wise? P.S. Just give us more time."



Five More Days! Several seniors were caught discussing how nice it would be after "final" exams were over!



Nobody Said It would be this hard! The depth of study was more than expected as freshman Nayna Salmon studied for her semester exams.

Who Would Believe? Junior Shannon Forehand cleared her locker out to prepare for her tests the next day.

Back to the Books

Academic Award Winners: G. AKINS: Consumer Math; L. ALLEN: Alg. II, Shorthand, Typing II, UIL; M. ALLEN: Intro. Comps.; R. ALY: TEP; J. ASHLEY: Env. Science, Rec. Kep.; S. BATCHELOR: Typing I; D. BENGTSON: Span. I; W. BIL-LUPS: Science; D. BROWN: CLA. I, FOM.; G. BROWN: CLA. I, FOM.; K. BROWN: Rec. Kep., Span. I; R. BUCKNER: Span. I; J. BUCKNER: Sup. Actor, Comp. Math, PBM, Bio. I; D., CAMPBELL: Eng. I; S. CAMPBELL: Span. II; E. CATE: UIL; C. CATE: Eng. I, Speech I, Phys. Sci.; R. CAYCE: Span. I; D. CHERRY: Rec. Kep., Span. I, Eng. II; S. CONNER: Eng. II, Span. I; T. COOK: Eng. II, Acct. I, Span. I; J. COOPER: PBM; M. CORBETT: Consumer Math; P. CRAWFORD: Spec. Ed.; D. DAVIS: Consumer Math; L. DEHAVEN: PBM, Span. I; D. DINGMAN: Phys. Sci, Span. I, Eng. I; S. DOUGLAS, Span. I; B. FLATT, Rec. Kep., Eng. III; S. FOREHAND: W. Geo., Rec. Kep.; J. GARDENER: Am. His., Span. I; K. GENTRY: PBM; T. GIPSON: Consumer Math; H. GONZALES: Drama I; S. GRAF: Intro. Comps.; A. GUINN: FHA; R. HALLIBURTON: Spec. Ed.; T. HARRISON: Pre. Alg.; P. HICKSON: Ag. IV; K. HIX: Rec. Kep.; D. HOLLAND: Gov., Span. II, PAF; P. HUFF: PBM; C. HUFFHINES: PAF; M. JACKSON: Phys. Sci.; S. KEY: CLA. II; B. LEMMONS: Span. I; D. MCBEE: Phys. Sci. Alg. I, Span. I; R. MCCABE: Span. I; J. MCCULLAR: Typ. I, Sup. Actress; M. MCCOLLUM: Intro. Comps.; L. MCKINNEY: CLA. II; D. MCMAHAN: Eng. II, Geom. Span. I, W. His.; S. MCTEE: UIL; L. MINCHEY: UIL: Comp. Math, Shorthand, Typ. II, PAF; G. MOODY: FOM; S. MORGAN: Humants., Drama I, Span. II; M. MORGNER: PBM; B. MOSBY: PBM; A. NOE: P.E.; K. O'CAIN: His.; H. OWEN: Journ.; C. PAGE: TEP, Acct. I, Span. I; P. PITTMAN: Bio. I, AG. II; C. PITTS: Span. I, J. RENNE: Span. I; C. REYNOLDS: Comp. Math; R. REYNOLDS, Eng. I; A. RICHIE: TEP, Drama I; D. SCALF: Lib. Aid; S. SCALF: His., Phys. Sci.; T. SHEARER: Span. I; K. SIMCO: Consumer Math; R. SIMMS: Intro. Bio.; M. SMITH: PBM; D. STEWART: Rec. Kep., AG. III; J. SPENCER: Ag. Mec.; L. SPRADLING: Rec. Kep.; C. TAYLOR: Eng. IV, Drama I; J. TEPERA: Alg. I, Intro. Comps.; M. TEPERA: Intro. Comps, Span. I; N. TEPERA: Span. II, UIL, Comp. Math, PAF; J. TRAMMELL: Ag. I; C. TROUT: PBM; T. VELEKEI: PBM; M. WEATHERLEY: UIL, Typ II, Journ. PAF; J. WELCH: Spec. Ed.; C. WILKINSON: Lib. Aid; M. WILLIAMS: TEP, Eng. III, Hom. Ec., Chem.; D. WILLIAMS: Consumer Math; M. WISE: Best Actress, Span. I; B. WRIGHT: Eng. III, Comp. Math, Span. I, Alg. II, Health, Best Actor; C. WRIGHT: Eng. IV, Pre. Calc., Gov. Journ., Span. II, PAF, Bio. II; S. WRIGHT: Shop, FOM.

Thank You Kathy! This award goes to Kathy O'Cain for making Mr. Smith's life as a teacher much easier at V.A.H.S.

"This academic year was the best in the past several years. Scholastic leadership came from the senior and junior classes. This leadership was evident in our second place district finish in UIL Literary competition where ten students qualified for regional competition and one went to state. Over 250 awards were handed out in the Awards Assembly. Our academic goal next year is to be district UIL champions. Let's Go For It!"-Principal, Don Lightfoot





It's All Mine!! Freshman Robin Reynolds looks over her award that she received at the awards assembly.

Let's See Now. Mrs. Jacobs, English teacher, tries to decide who is deserving of the English awards as the academic awards assembly approaches.



Wright, Tepera Take Honors At Assembly

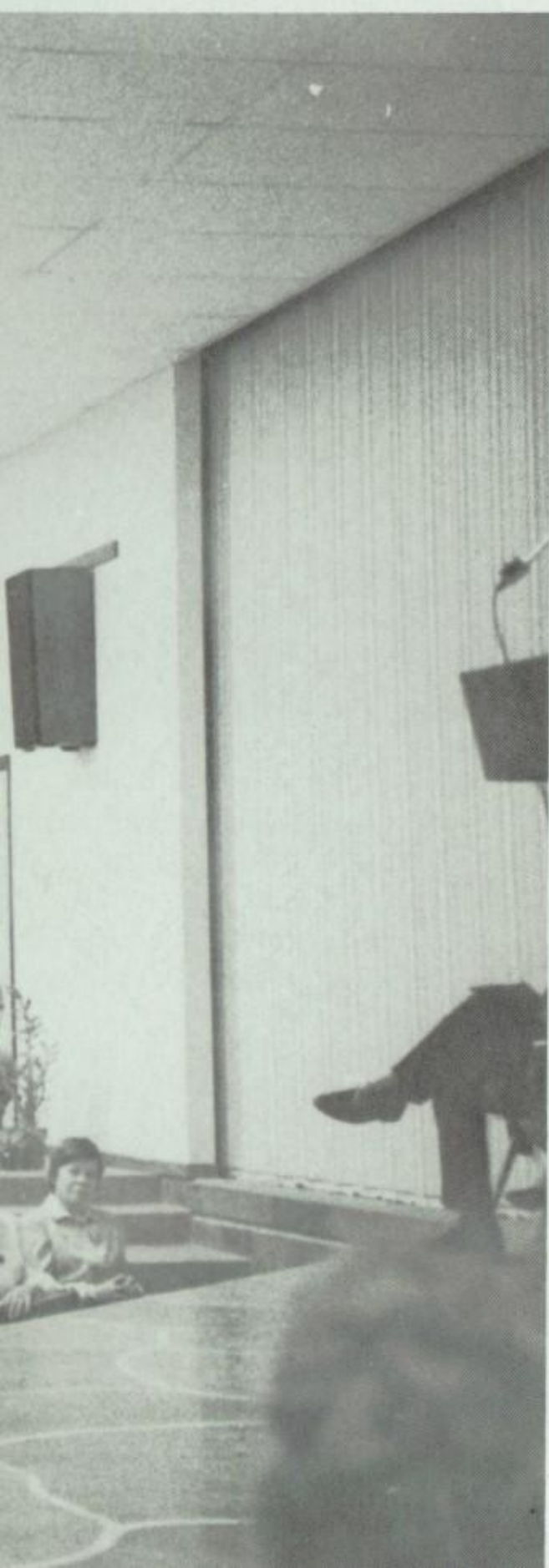
This past year the annual academic awards assembly was held during the evening in the school theatre so that parents and relatives could attend. The honors were wide spread as awards from math to Spanish and U.I.L. to English were distributed.

The top two honors of the evening were given to Candace Wright and Nancy Tepera as they walked away with valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. Wright graduated with a 97.5 G.P.A. and Tepera with a 96.9.

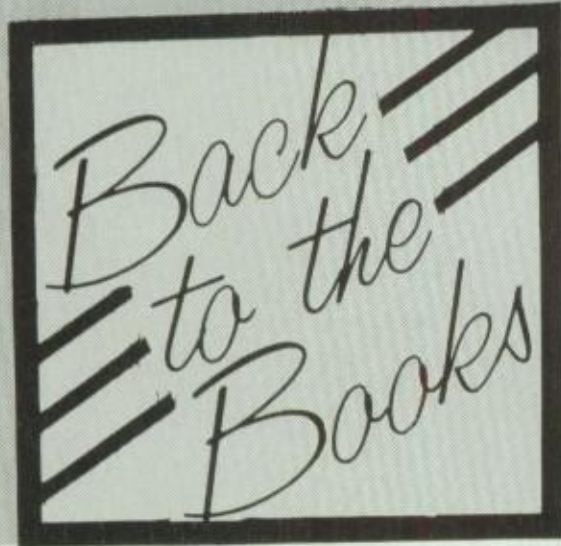
With President Reagan stressing physical fitness, he offered an incentive by giving the Presidential Academic Fitness

Awards to those who met the requirements. These requirements consisted of scoring at or above the 80th percentile on a nationally recognized standardized achievement test. Principal Don Lightfoot stated, "This one requirement is what knocked several people out of the bracket." With only 10 percent of the graduating class receiving the award, Senior Craig Huffhines stated, "These awards really mean a lot to us."

This academic year was one to be commended. The reforms installed by Governor White seemed to have an inspiring affect as the student body rose to the occasion.



Dead Week-Sr. Candace Wright looks prepared to stay up all night studying.



Hurry! Hurry!- Business teacher Deborah Nance tries to finish averaging grades at the end of the semester term.

Dreaded Deadlines

"I understand deadlines but trying to meet those deadlines can be really difficult." Jr. Michele Williams.

At least once in your life you have had to face a deadline of some kind. It can be just everyday homework or it can be as big as the dreaded term paper. It seems as students get older their lives revolve more around deadlines.

Many students have comments on just regular homework. Some feel it prepares us for the future. Such as Junior Craig Page, "Deadlines now are only half of what

we'll have to deal with when we get older."

Others feel homework every night doesn't give them enough time to do the things they enjoy doing, which some feel causes problems. Soph. Pam Pittman says, "Homework every night and tests or just any kind of deadlines give me stress!" Term Papers are probably the most dreaded thing in the world, Wendy Billups, Sr., seems to make the term paper sound "grown up", "I stayed up past midnight one night writing my rough draft. I feel like a Senior

now!" There is one kind of deadline which is really important, that is the deadline of getting the annual finished. "Journalism sounds easy but it is the hardest and most challenging class I have." said Jr. Hol Owen.

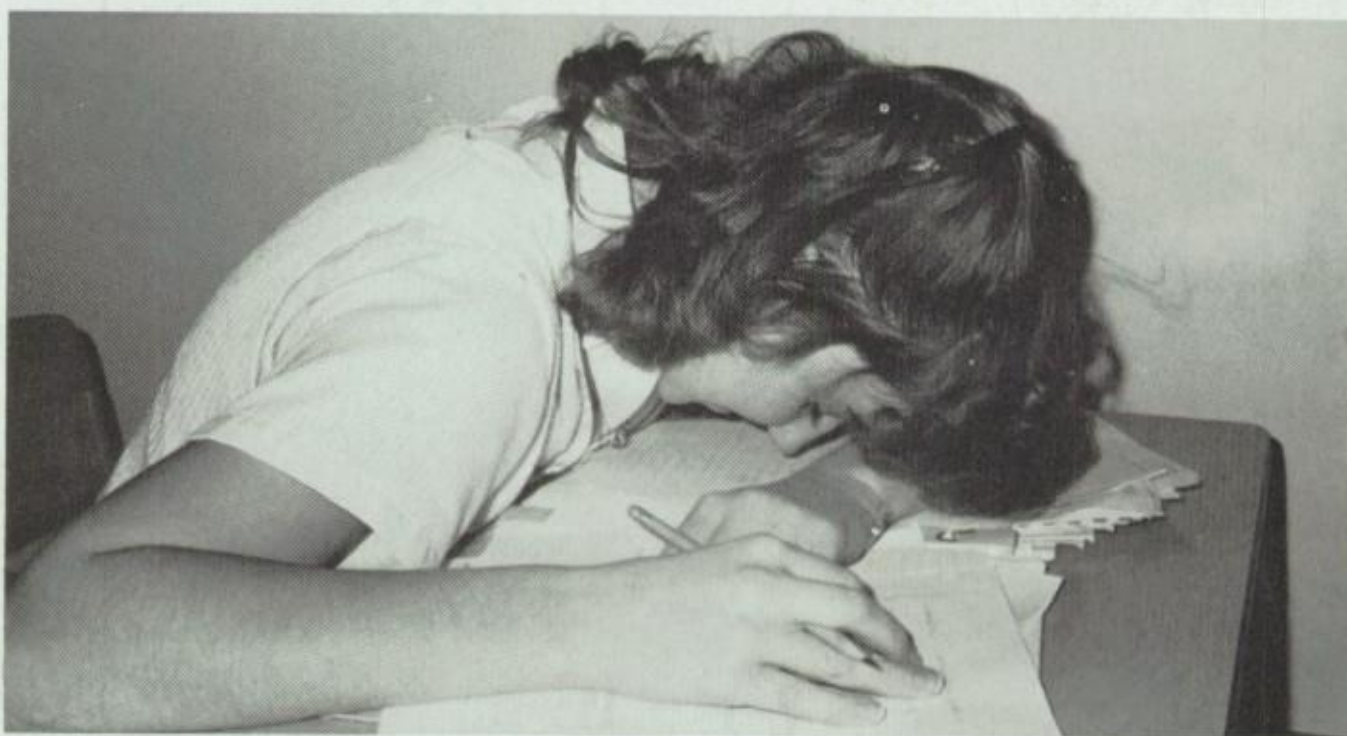
Sr. Chris Taylor says, "I am doing my Home and Family paper on Family Stress." This is very ironic when realizing the deadlines themselves produce stress, not only for the student but for the teachers and others they surround.



"I'm Gonna Rip your lips off." Mrs. Bonner shows some frustration while explaining Senior term papers to Sr. Craig Huffhines.



Research --- Junior Rebecca Buckner looks through the card catalog in the library for help on her research paper.



What A Day!! Freshman Laura Woodroof takes a doze while trying to do her Journalism work.



Confusion Annual Staff members crowd around the table to help each other on their yearbook assignments.

Officially Done

Stretching Those Legs. Senior Laura Minchey runs the 800 meter run in district competition. She placed first in the race to advance to regional and state competitions.

Get Your Man. Darrin Stewart (20) runs to block his man during a Panther football game.

Ready, Aim, Putt! Tommy Offill takes his time to insure a perfect eagle while practicing at the country club.





Leannnnnnnn! Nancy Tepera and Melissa Ferguson both *lean* to get the ball at the regional basketball tournament.

Unexpected and exciting moments filled every Panther season — making each one unusually spectacular. Winners were found in all sports as some played with natural ability, some with aquired skill, and all with that Panther pride. Not all games were won and the scoreboard did not always show us as first, but our athletes always played with such style and intensity that no one could call us losers.

The number of victories by the Panther teams seemed unbelievable. The volleyball team made it to area competition while the football and girl's basketball team both advanced to regionals. Members from each sport of tennis, track, and golf represented our school beyond district competition.

This year's athletes were fantastic competitors. All worked to achieve their goals and to show everyone how winning is officially done.

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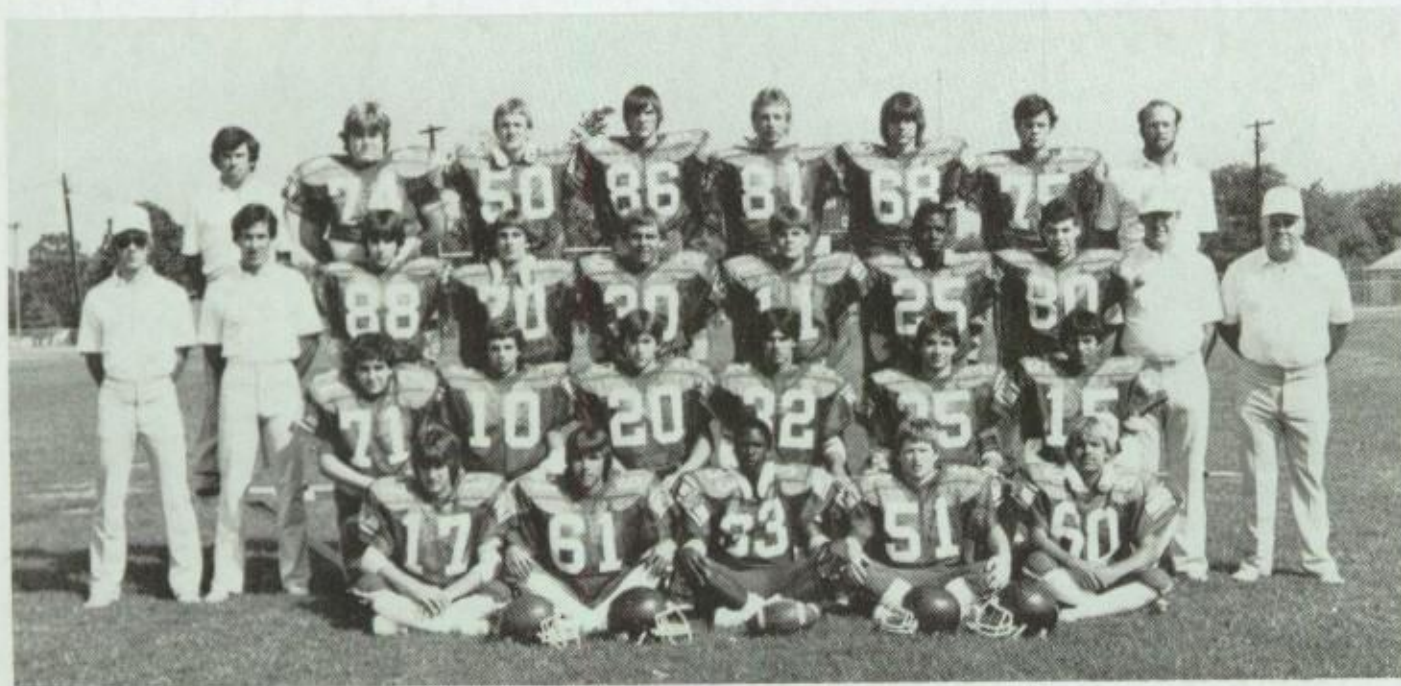
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Celina	41	V.A.	22
Royce City	0	V.A.	35
Lindsay	6	V.A.	28
Muenster	13	V.A.	14
Whitewright	19	V.A.	19
Anna	8	V.A.	14
Tom Bean	12	V.A.	54
Pottsboro	7	V.A.	35
Howe	35	V.A.	0
*Cooper	6	V.A.	6
*Quitman	7	V.A.	25
*Tatum	38	V.A.	0



"Now that the season is over everyone knows Derek and Chuck are a great influence on the team, with or without their pads. Their leadership is very obvious." Principal, Don Lightfoot.

Each season is remembered by one significant event. The 1984-85 season is remembered by the Caddo Mills comeback in the fourth quarter, winning 30-28. The '85 season will be remembered by the injuries. Among those were: Srs. Harold Gonzales, Graham Guthrie, Paul Hickson, Jrs. Tim Renneker, Timmy Gipson, Mike Harris, and Billy Wilson. These team members were lucky; they missed few games, if any. The team lost three members for the year: All Area Quarterback Derek Bengtson, Jr., out for the season after

tearing a ligament in his knee in the scrimmage against Green Hill; Chuck Haker, Sr., out after breaking his collar bone in the scrimmage against Leonard (he hoped to return to play at district, but after one game re-injured his shoulder); and Rodney Wilson, Jr., out after having knee trouble all season long, which finally led to surgery. Although the injuries hurt the Panthers in many ways, it didn't take away their dedication or team spirit. In fact the Panthers proved that the injuries had only made them stronger.



Back Row — David Boyd, S. Chandler, E. Cate, S. McTee, T. Renneker, M. McCollum, J. Lightfoot, Tom Carden, Glen Hayes, Marc McDaniel, B. Mosby, B. Flatt, J. Cooper, D. Bengtson, T. Gipson, R. Wilson, Mike Weatherley, Jim Martin, J. Kirley, C. Huffhines, D. Stewart, B. Wilson, G. Guthrie, H. Gonzales, C. Haker, J. Spencer, P. Hickson, D. Denton, J. Spencer.



Formation the Panther team is lined and ready to go as Jr. Brian Tay Kicks.



First Team offense
G-Eddie Cate (unanimous)
WR-Jay Cooper (unanimous)
OT- Michael McCollum

First Team Defense
DL-Michael McCollum
LB-Timmy Gipson
SEC.-Craig Huffhines

Second Team Offense
C-Jeff Spencer

G-Jason Spencer
T-Bradley Flatt
RB-Timmy Gipson

Paul Hickson
Second Team Defense
DE-Eddie Cate

DL-Tim Renneker
LB-Jay Cooper
Honorable Mention

Danny Denton
Graham Guthrie
Scott McTee

Jay Cooper and Michael McCollum were also selected to the *Sherman Democrat* Super Team of 1985-86.

The Thrill of Victory shows itself on the faces of the fans and members of the Area Champ team. Coach Marc McDaniel seems happy as he is handed the trophy.

One Step Further

Losing many players to injuries, the Panthers started out with a slow season. Overcoming all the bad breaks and pulling together as a team, the Panthers then began to show everyone what they were made of.

The team seemed down after losing to Whitesboro 23 to 6 and Celina 41 to 22, but the next week they came back and beat Joyce City 35 to 0. That was the start of a great season. Beating Quenster 14 to 13, and Lindsay 14 to 6, the Panthers were ready to start district. They beat Whitwright 19 to 19 winning on penetrations. Looking for revenge over Anna after losing last year 14 to 13, the Panthers trailed the "Coyote Express" 14 to 8. Easily winning over Elm Bean at Homecoming, 54 to 12, the team was ready for Pottsville. Winning to Pottsville would clinch a play-off

spot for the Panthers. The town seemed really excited and so did the Panther team. Despite the cold weather and wind, the Panthers won 35 to 7. The Panthers were now tied with their biggest rival Howe. Whoever won determined the District Champion. The Panthers tried hard but just could not hold on and were defeated 35 to 0 by the Bulldogs. Not letting their loss get them down, the Panthers came back and beat the Cooper Bulldogs 6 to 6 on penetrations. The Panthers earned the title of Bi-District Champions for the second year in a row. They would be competing for Area against the Quitman Bulldogs. Remembering last year's loss to Quitman, 31 to 0, the Panthers were really fired up.

The game looked grim for the Panthers the first fourteen seconds. Quitman scored after recovering a Panther fumble. Once again the Panthers performed a

miracle. Somehow the team came back and defeated Quitman 35 to 7. The Panthers played the Tatum Eagles for the Regional title. A hard four quarters were played, but the Panthers just could not keep up with the Eagles.

After starting out with such a setback, the Panthers seemed to turn it into an advantage by advancing to the regional playoffs, an achievement not accomplished in many years. Everyone is looking for the Panthers to go even further this year. Even if they don't, the Panthers are built on something more important than winning, and that is PRIDE!!!

Done With
Ebbert

No Pass; No Play

No pass-no play. This topic has been a major issue in high school athletics this year. The J.V. football team felt the effect of this ruling by losing six players. Because of these losses, the ruling was a large concern to the coaches, especially since three of the players played both offense and defense. "In other words, I lost half of the offense and half of the defense. This was made even worse with the injuries," said J. V. Coach, David Boyd.

Coach Jim Martin agrees with the ruling, but thinks it's too strict. "I do believe the players need to pass in order to play. Academics ought to come first, but extra-curricular activities are an important part of education too."

The players, surprisingly enough, didn't seem to really be

against the ruling. "It's too strict. I think all the grades should be averaged together so that if a smart person takes a hard course and fails it, but does well in all his other subjects, he'll still be able to play," said Sophomore, Richard Cayce.

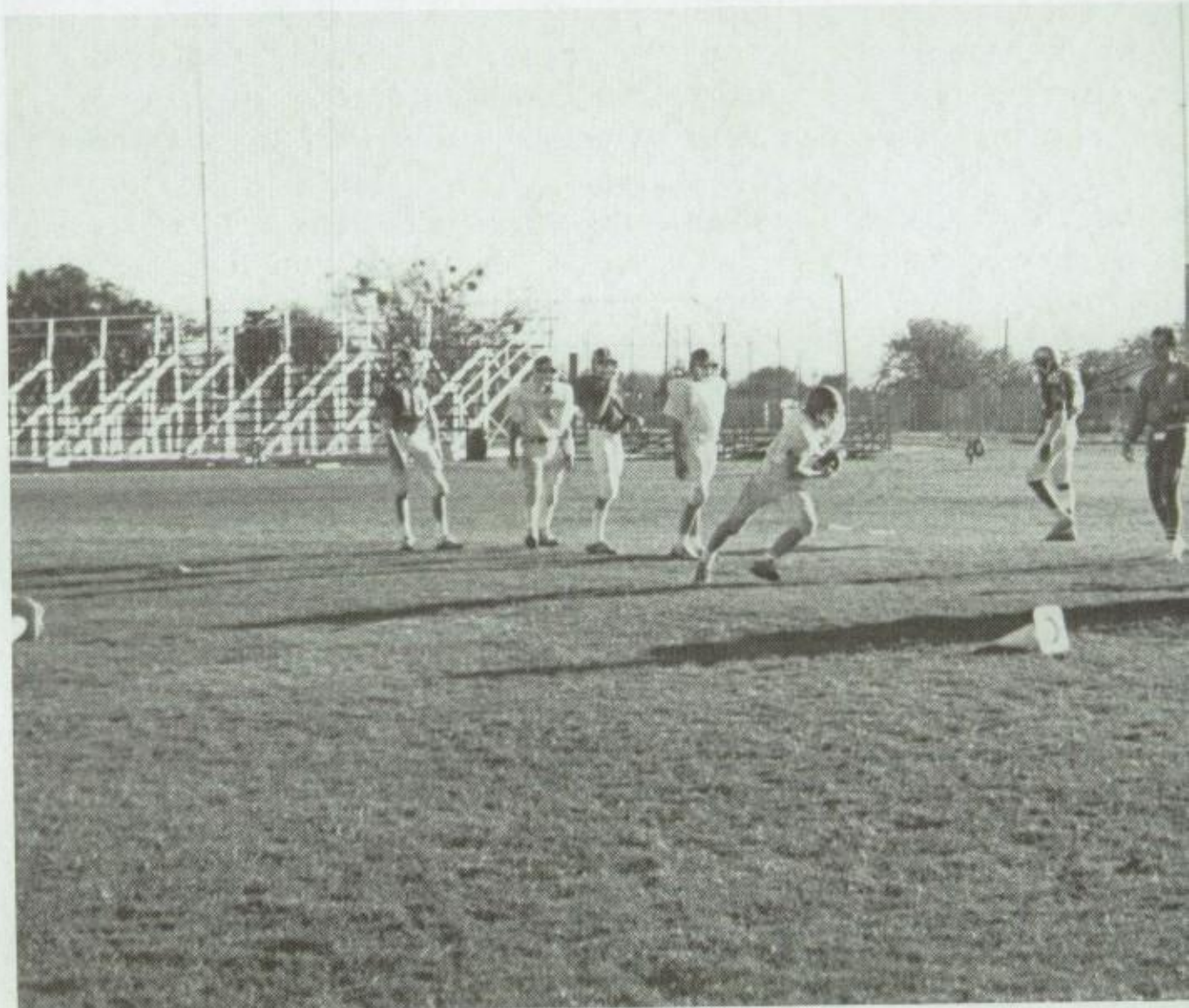
Michael Tepera, Freshman, on the other hand, said, "Even though it hasn't affected me yet, I think it's fair. If you aren't smart enough to pass, you shouldn't be playing."

Although many of the fans, friends, and relatives were affected by this ruling, it still didn't kill their spirit. "Even though everyone was upset when we lost some of our players because of this ruling, I think over all the team did very well," said Freshman, Robert Reynolds.

~J. V. Football~ V.A.	
Whitesboro	20-6
Celina	0-22
Lindsay	6-0
Muenster	14-4
Gunter	54-0
Anna	12-6
Pottsboro	0-3
Howe	6-18



No. 61 Jason McTee, No. 70 Raymond Williams, and No. 66 Michael Domingos wait for the start of the next play at the Van Alstyne-Pottsboro game.



Back row: David Boyd, J. Watson, K. Walsh, J. Renneker, J. Vensel, J. McTee, F. Ritchie, Tom Carden, Glenn Hayes, Marc McDaniel, R. McCabe, D. Cherry, C. Stephens, M. Moody, H. Floyd, R. Williams, Mike Weatherley, Jim Martin, R. Halliburton, C. Huffhines, B. Lemons, M. Domingos, C. Pitts, B. Smith, K. Simco, M. Jackson, J. Tepera, R. Cayce, B. Rodd.

he J.V. Players wait patiently for the next play to begin.



Because of the No pass-no play ruling, Varsity and Junior Varsity players are forced to work out together at this early morning practice.

VanAlstyne and Pottsboro team captains meet on the football field for a pre-game handshake.



*Done With
Endurance*

We're In This Together

The seventh and eighth grade football teams worked very hard this season to begin to meet their expectations for the year. They came close to a season of victory.

"I expected them to learn a lot and give what they had. That's exactly what they did." -Coach Glenn Hayes.

The boys not only worked together to become two individual teams, but several times they joined together to work as one large team when other schools only offered one junior high team.

"Some of us didn't like it because not all of us could play. I thought it was okay." -Eric Carter, 7th grade.

For these younger players to learn to work together in team effort they had to attend many hard practices. Most of these practices were in the morning before school.

"I think we did better at practices in the mornings than in the afternoons because we were more ready to work." -Bria Morgan, 8th grade.

By working together and striving to meet their goals, the seventh and eighth grade teams gained valuable experience and a sense of accomplishment. Their seasonal records this year were 1-3 for the seventh grade and 3-4 for the eighth grade.

The hard work and determination has really paid off.



Way To Go! The Jr. High cheerleaders encourage the team on as the 7th and 8th grade boys compete against Celina.

Seventh Grade Football Back row: Coach Tom Carden, C. Troxtell, J. Daniels, T. Shearer, B. Alderman, D. Loftice, M. Smith, T. Holland, B. Jackson, Coach Glenn Hayes, A. Spillers, J. Holley, B. Nevil, E. Carter, J. Malone, F. Chandler, N. Venzel, K. Hix, C. Tiller, R. Hampton, M. Doty, K. Null, M. Key, S. Treadway, M. Sowers, J. Daniels.





Ready For Play. The seventh and eighth grade combined team position themselves for another play against Celina.

Eighth Grade Football Back row: Coach Tom Carden, P. Williams, C. Corbay, B. Reece, D. Sowers, S. Thornhill, Coach Glenn Hays, R. Reed, T. Lawrence, J. Hix, B. Morgan, N. Bodeker, J. Stinton, C. Weatherley, S. Beaty, D. Bengtson

SCORES

	WINS	LOSSES
7 th grade	1	3
8 th grade	5	4

Done With
Character

Slamma Jamma- Not quite Spud Webb, but Craig Page, Junior, makes an awesome jump against Tom Bean.



-DISTRICT-
VARSITY
BOYS: 2-5
VARSITY
GIRLS: 10-0
-BIDISTRICT-
49-38
-AREA-
66-64
-REGIONALS-
1st - 53-49
2nd - 57-71



Waiting for two - During the Regional semi - finals at Tyler, Nancy Tepera goes up for two while team members: Sherri Holloway, Melissa Ferguson, Rebecca Buckner, and Karin Brown wait for the shot.

"Get in, get in!"- Jay Cooper, Juniors, wishes the ball into the basket against Anna.



That Winning Spirit

A winning season requires more than just hours of practice. It takes determination, pride, and support from the coaches and fans. This year both varsity teams applied themselves whole-heartedly to the three P's of a successful season: Practice, Pep, and Points.

PRACTICE - As the age-old saying goes, 'practice they did. During athletic class and after school, the varsity teams and coaches put in many hours of work towards making their teams perfect.

"Basketball practice was a casual atmosphere, but we did a lot and had fun." - Scott Campbell Sr.

PEP - Something these teams did not need more of. The Panthers had more than their share of spirit and drive from coaches and supporters alike.

The coaches made a big difference in the way the teams played. Before, during, and after the games they gave skill, encouragement, and know how.



Pep talks at the half helped the players to overcome problems in the game and hopefully make the game more successful.

"Coach Page told us that no matter if you win or lose, as long as you did your best, played your hardest, and held your head up with pride afterward, the outcome of the game didn't matter that much." - Karin Brown Soph.

The fans in the stands really did make a difference in how the teams performed, especially at the play-offs.

"The fans provide support by encouraging their teams with their presence, spirit, and with their overt display of support for the entire team." - Don Lightfoot.

POINTS - The obvious signs of winning. Those all-important numbers are what the hard work is all about. Sometimes the winning point comes at the last possible second, like at the girl's area playoffs when senior Nancy Tepera scored two points in the last seconds of the game.

"I didn't get to really see it because, for one thing, Coach Page taught us to look at the basket, not the ball. Maybe I had my eyes closed. I really don't know because I was in shock." - Nancy Tepera, Sr.

The support, hard work, and determination pays off with pride and a winning attitude among the participants. Winning is a feeling, not just a score.

Standing her ground- Melissa Ferguson scores another two points against Honey Grove in the bi-district play offs at Sherman.

Varsity Girls — Back Row: M. Ashley, M. Ferguson, L. Minchey, K. Brown, S. Holloway, R. Buckner, J. Ashley, J. Likely, N. Tepera, P. Pittman



Varsity Boys — P. Hickson, C. Taylor, S. Campbell, C. Page, S. McTee, Coach J. Martin, J. Cooper, B. Wright, J. Buckner, C. Hacker, T. Offill, Mgr.

*Done With
Discipline*



J.V.
GIRLS

WINS LOSSES

9 2

Ready For The Big Time

The 1985-86 Junior Varsity basketball teams brought in a lot of new talent, both in new players and coaches. Coach David Boyd returned this year for his third season as coach of the boys' team. Coach Debra Manley coached her first season with the girls' team.

"Coach Manley came in as a new coach and taught us new ways to play. It took us a while to adjust but she is a really good coach." — Laura Sloan, Soph.

This year the freshmen players had to start adjusting their schedules to meet with the extra hours of basketball practice. Having games on school nights brought catching meals at the concession stand and doing homework on the bus. This year players had to be sure their homework was done to ensure a passing grade and a place on the team.

Junior Varsity Boys — C. Pitts, J. Garner, J. Renneker, J. Coleman, J. McTee, M. Smith, M. Jackson, D. McBee, R. Cayce, R. McCabe, D. Campbell.

"I had to work extra hard and fast to get my homework done either before or after the games. It took a little more effort, but it was worth it." — James Garner, Freshman.

The teams were made up of quite a few freshmen players who worked hard and played well. Both varsity teams will be losing quite a few players this year, leaving positions open for several junior varsity players.

"There are a lot of good play-

ers on the J.V. teams and I think they will do well on the varsity team next year." — Coach J. Martin.

The teams ended the year with a boys' record of 3 and a girls' record of 9 and 2. The junior varsity worked hard with determination and effort. They went out and gave it their best and enjoyed themselves. This year of work will prove beneficial in the years to come.





Get Up. off your feet! Doug Campbell and Richard McCabe are ready to rebound after a shot by Carey Pitts.

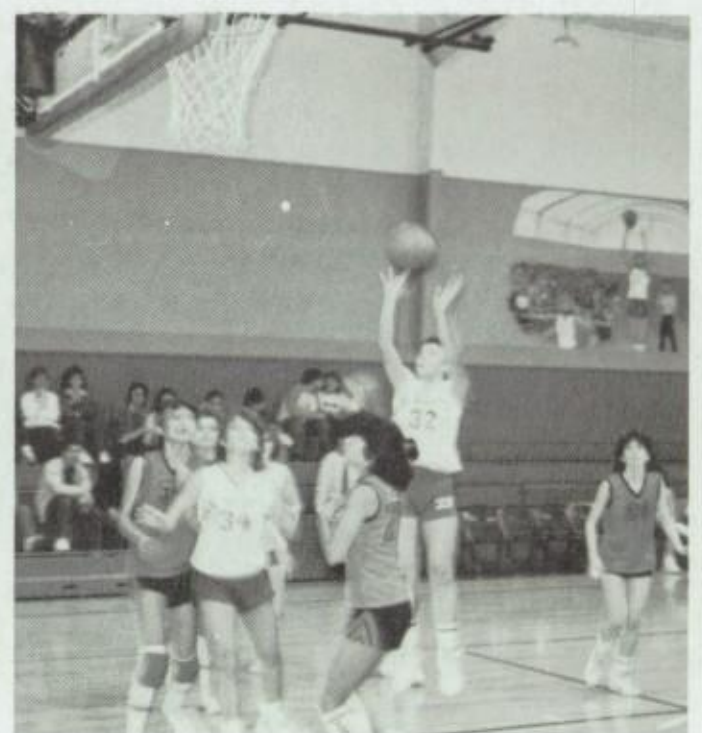
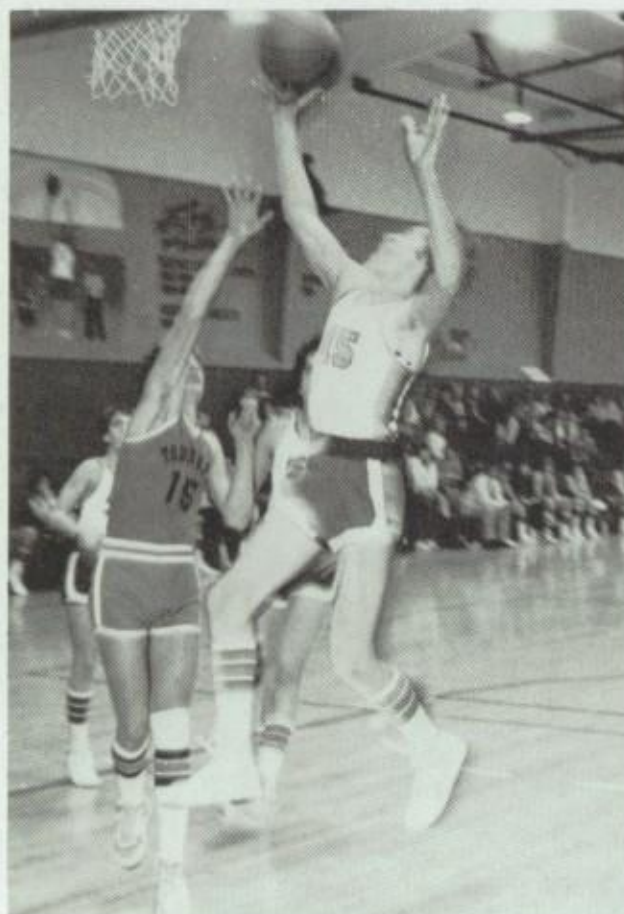


Junior Varsity Girls - L. Sloan, T. Bodeker, K. Brown, R. Wolfe, T. McKay, P. Pittman, C. Wilkinson.

In Control. Soph. Pam Pittman makes a jump shot while Racquel Wolfe guards against Tom Bean.

**J.V.
BOYS**

<u>WINS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
3	6



Reaching New Heights. Richard McCabe goes for two against Tom Bean.

Done With Practice

"Even though our season wasn't all that great, the girls put forth a lot of effort and time. I was proud of them." — 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Tom Carden.



"Coaching younger kids isn't always easy, but it has, I have got to say, been an experience. But I am not saying it was one of my best!" — 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Glen Hayes.



7th Boys — Back Row; M. Smith, J. Fletcher, B. Jackson, B. Carter, T. Helland, B. Alterman, D. Wade, Mgr. C. Troxell, A. Spillers, J. Daniels, N. Vensel, B. Jenkins, K. Hix, J. Malone, E. Carter, Coach Glen Hayes, D. Flatt, J. Johnson, S. Treadway, J. Holley, K. Null, C. Tillet, R. Hampton, Mgr. J. Gibb.



7th Girls — Back Row; Mgr. C. Laube, A. Windham, D. Beaty, K. Cunningham, S. Wilson, M. Wurscher, B. Gaskill, R. Anderson, C. Barnes, Mgr. N. Hill, Mgr. J. Renne, K. Miracle, B. Sullivan, M. Wiggins, A. Garcia, C. Harris, Mgr. C. Stephens.

Where Is The Ball? The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls work out in the gym all at one time. "Sometimes you end up playing the girls because everyone is so crowded!" - 7th Grader Kevin Hix.





"Coach Hayes is mainly a defensive coach and I think that is good. I really think he is a good coach!" — 8th Grader Devon Bengtson.



"Yes, two practices a day help but we need even more practice than that. Practice makes perfect!" 8th Grader Patrick Williams.



"The part I like most about basketbll is the action. I especially like guarding on defense." — 8th Grader Carey Conner.



"I enjoyed being manager it was educational!" 7th Grade Mgr. Jenny Renne.



"Coach Hayes is getting us ready for "Big" High School basketball because he is always making us work very hard. We don't just sit around. He doesn't baby us at all. I suppose that is why we all like him!" — 8th Grader Brent Williams.



Open Up!! 8th Grader Eric Carter (14) tries to throw the ball to one of his teammates.



8th Girls-Back Row: Coach Tom Carden, T. McCabe, R. Ross, J. Bengtson, J. Batchelor, J. Coleman, C. Huffhines, J. Coyle, C. Conner, S. Rollins, C. Laube, J. Renne, G. Stephens, N. Hill.



8th Boys-Back Row: Mgr. S. Thornhill, C. Weatherley, T. Lawrence, A. Holtzman, P. Williams, B. Morgan, Coach Glen Hayes, S. Beaty, N. Bodecker, B. Williams, D. Bengtson, C. Moody.

*Done With
Patience*

Just A Swingin'

The students that participated in golf and tennis spent their afternoons practicing. And in order to get into the swing of things, the students spent many hours of hard work to master the skill of the sport.

Golf and tennis not only require a great deal of skill but also a great deal of durability. The tournaments usually lasted two days; from early in the morning to late in the afternoon. "The tennis tournaments seemed to go on forever, and by the end of the day you were pooped," explained Brandt Wright.

Even though the tournaments lasted a long time, the players also had to put up with the weather. Either it would be windy, rainy, cold, or a combination of the three. "Seems like every time we went to

play it would rain," exclaimed Wendy Billups, Senior tennis player.

The tennis and golf teams practiced hard to perfect their ability in these sports, and the work paid off.

At the district tournament in tennis, Michelle Weatherley and Rebecca Buckner placed 1st in doubles, advancing to the Regional tournament and placing 4th. Justin Buckner placed 1st at district in singles, qualifying him for the regional tournament. In the district golf meet, Jana Lightfoot placed 2nd, qualifying her for the regional tournament. The boys golf team placed 3rd at the district tournament. All of the people that participated in golf and tennis did an outstanding job.



Tennis Team: Back row - S. Conner, C. Wilkinson, J. Buckner, B. Wright, M. Weatherley, M. Williams,

Coach Mike Weatherley, M. Allen, R. Reynolds, A. Cherry, W. Billups, L. Woodroof

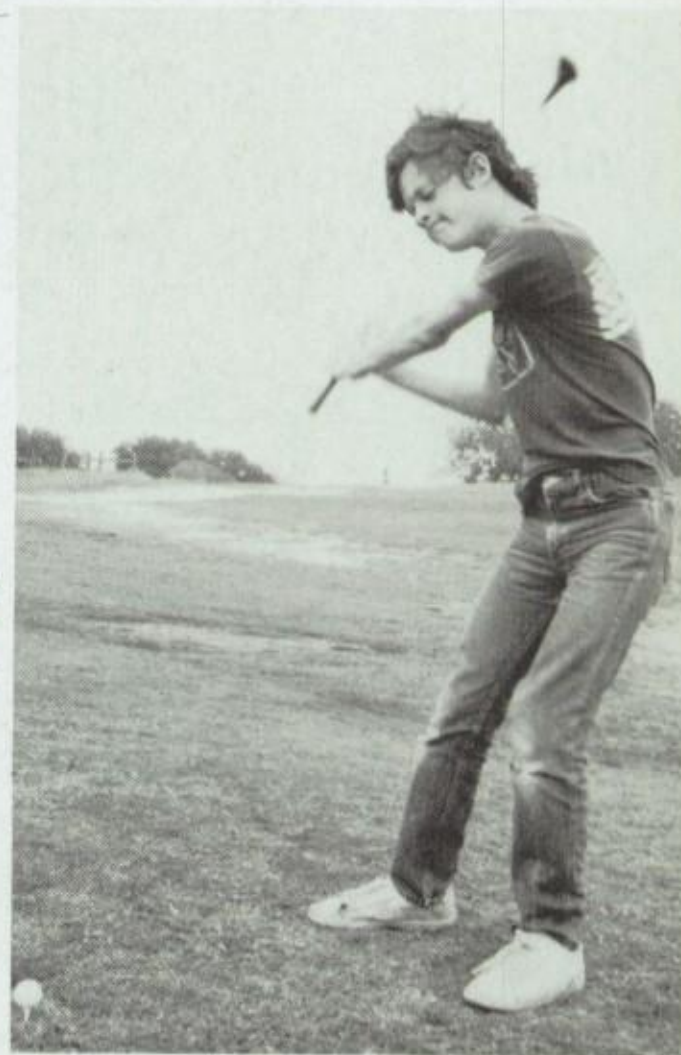


Golf Team: Back row - T. Offill, C. Page, D. Stewart, K.

Blair, J. Lightfoot, R. Phibbrick



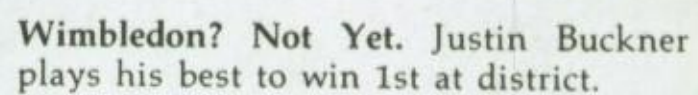
On Tour? Michelle Weatherley and Rebecca Buckner practice hard for the Regional tournament.



Watch Out Arnold Palmer! Tommy Offill is headed for the big times as he tees off for district play.



Decisions!! Jana Lightfoot takes precautions to choose the right club to hit the ball.



Wimbledon? Not Yet. Justin Buckner plays his best to win 1st at district.



Watch Out Arnold Palmer! Tommy Offill is headed for the big times as he tees off for district play.

Done With
Style

Doing Good Our Second Time Out

Volleyball — it seems like a fall sport, but to be good in the fall, volleyball girls must begin practices during the long hot summer days. The team thought it was worth it, though. Their hard work and dedication showed up all over the court. Even if the girls did not win, they always tried their best. Rebecca Buckner, Jr., said, "We played our best, and that is all that matters!" And essentially that is what the Lady Panthers did — their best.

The volleyball team is only in its

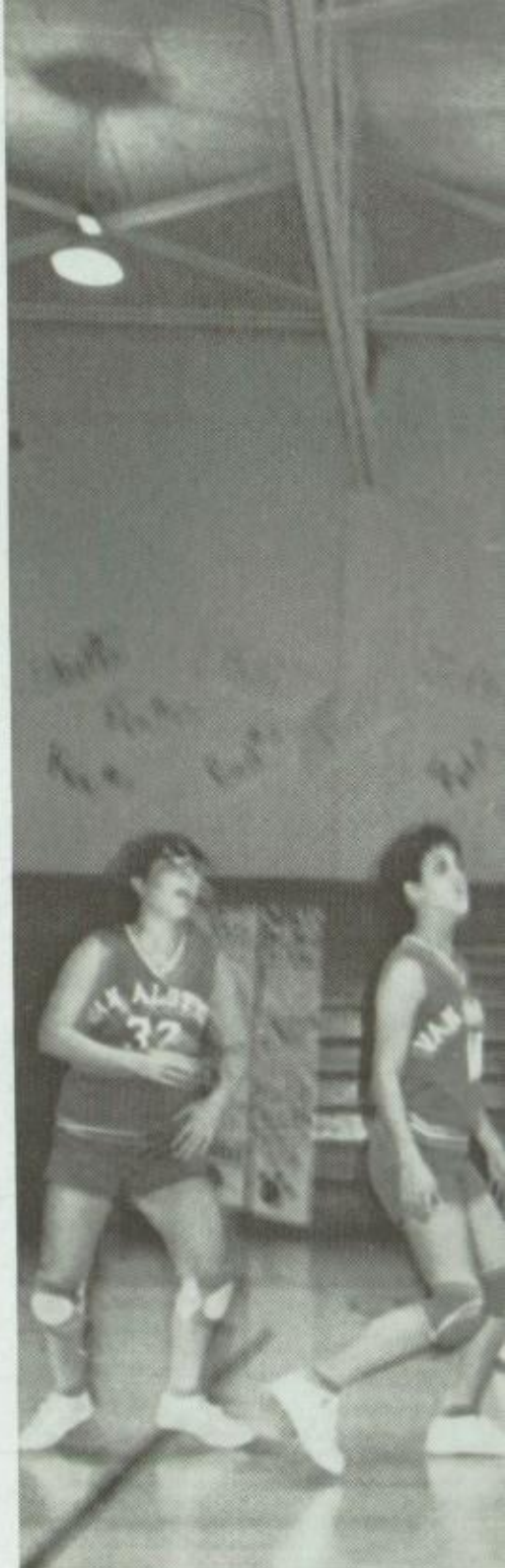
"One of my best memories of volleyball is when we played at E.T.S.U. for area because that is the farthest we have ever gotten and it is only our second year." - Laura Minchey



second year of playing. Therefore, the younger players really look for leadership from the coach and the seniors. "I think the seniors are kind of like our leaders, because they are older than us. They really get into and enjoy the game," said Jennifer Likely, Soph.

The Lady Panthers had a very good year. They pushed themselves and really excelled. They placed second in district, after the Howe Bulldogs. The next game was played against the Royce City Bulldogs for bi-district. The team played great and won. Their next stop was at E.T.S.U. They played Harmony for area, but despite all efforts, the Panthers lost. Nancy Tepera said about the game, "We could have we *should have* done better. We came out cold and lost the game at the start. By the time we got warmed up, it was too late."

Coach Debra Manley is discussing a new game strategy with team members Rebecca Buckner, Debra Holland, and Becky Bannister.





Team members Rebecca Buckner, Debra Holland, and Jill Ashley are anxiously awaiting for Nancy Tepera to spike the ball on the Howe Bulldogs.

Team members: B. Bannister, D. Holland, J. Likely, N. Tepera, L. Minchey, J. Ashley, and R. Buckner.



Nancy Tepera pushes the ball over LeeAnn Hixon's head in a bout with the Howe Bulldogs in district competition. Debra Holland looks on with great expectations!

~Volleyball~	
Commerce	15-11, 15-8, 7-15
Frisco	7-15, 9-15
Gainesville	15-11, 15-7, 11-15
McKinney	11-15, 12-15
Whitesboro	15-8, 15-4
Howe	11-15, 15-13, 15-17
Howe	12-15, 15-13, 15-17
Bonham	11-15, 8-15
Royce City	9-15, 15-10, 15-4
Harmony	7-15, 11-15

Done With Legwork

Going The Distance

This was an excellent year for Varsity track. Senior Laura Minchey went to state competition in the 800 meter run and the triple jump, where she placed fourth in the 800. This was the first time a girl from Van Alstyne, has gone to the state competition in six years. "I'm really surprised that I'm going. One of the best things about it is that I beat Lee Ann Hixon from Howe in the triple jump," said Laura Minchey.

The boys also did well in track. Justin Buckner, Paul Hickson, Billy Wilson, and Timmy Gipson made the finals at regionals and placed in the mile relay. "My favorite memory of track was when the mile relay members and myself went to regionals," said Billy Wilson. It took a lot of effort on the boys part to make it as far as they did. "It was really worth all the hard

work it took to get to regionals," said Justin Buckner.

Track is one of those sports where the only way to become better is to work, work, and work some more. And that's exactly what the track members did. It wasn't an easy path they had to follow. It took months of seemingly endless practices. They ran on both the good days, and on the rainy days. Many times, when they could have been off with friends, home doing homework, or even just sitting around the house doing nothing, they were instead either at practice, at a trackmeet, or doing something that was in some way connected with track. "Track is a lot of hard work. In fact, I hate all the hard work, but winning that one gold medal was worth it!" said Holly Owen.

"Tracks a good experience it's given me an opportunity to go to state"
Senior,
Laura Minchey



State of excellence, Laura Minchey receives her second place triple jump award at regionals.



Varsity track: Back row H. Gonzalas, J. Buckner, R. Cayce, J. Coleman, B. Wilson, C. Haker, P. Hickson, T. Gipson, J. Garner, D. Cherry, C. Huffhines



Varsity track: Back row S. Forehand, L. Minchey, P. Pittman, Debra Manley, L. DeHaven, H. Owen, T. Lynch

Giving his all Billy Wilson puts every thing he has into winning the mile relay.

In mid-air Justin Buckner appears to be airborne as he runs his lap of the mile relay.



Push, Push, Push Harold Gonzales pushes his way across the finish line with the Rams coming up close behind.

Done With Ability

Out-of-Town

No matter who you ask about their favorite thing in track, you usually get the out-of-town track meets. It doesn't have to be the same town, or even the same event. "My favorite part in this years track was the competitions in other towns," said Jennifer Colman.

Meeting The Competition

When running track, you're always faced with competition. Whether it be great competition, or, not so great. But, in either case it will usually be enjoyable, as seventh grader Barbie Sullivan said, "During the competitions it's really stiff and a lot of training goes into it. It's also a lot harder than people really think it is. There's exercising and workouts that you have to do everyday to prepare for competition."

Hard work also goes into track. Like working out during practice and after school. All the hard work finally pays off when you give it all you've got at practice and the track meets, and your team wins. "I really enjoyed track, although it was a lot of hard work and there were some really tough workouts," said eighth grader Carey Conner.

Along with the hard work also comes dedication. It means sticking together when you just

want to give it all up, as seventh grader Marty Copeland said. "To win, you not only have to work your hardest individually but you have to work together as a team."

There's also an attitude on the track. Fortunately, from the athletes and fans there's a fairly good attitude. "I really enjoy running track and I enjoy competing at the track meets," said seventh grader Sheri Wilson. There's also a feeling of accomplishment when your team does well at district meet. "I enjoyed winning the 1600 meter relay at the district meet," said eighth grader Devon Bengtson.

It seems to appear that competition and meeting people are everyone's favorite. But, not and then, you find someone who enjoys track for another reason. For example, Patricia Williams said, "The thing I really enjoyed the most was winning."



Seventh grade boys track: Back row- Coach Glenn Hayes, N. Vensel, M. Smith, B. Jackson, J. Malone, D. Wade, B. Jenkins, D. Flatt, J. Daniels, A. Spillers, E. Carter, J. Holley, B. Nevil.



Seventh grade girls track: Back row- A. Windham, S. Wilson, M. Wursher, M. Copeland, J. Renne, H. Cunningham, B. Sullivan, B. Gaskill, K. Adams.



Eighth grade boys track: Back row Coach Glen Hayes, C. Weatherley, S. Hornhill, N. Bodecker, J. Stinton, D. Bengston, B. Morgan, P. Williams.



Eighth grade girls track: Back row J. Batchelor, N. Hill, J. Coleman, Coach Debera Manley, C. Laube, C. Conner, J. Bengston.



Almost ready-now! Bridget Gaskill and Kelly Cunningham practice handoffs during practice.



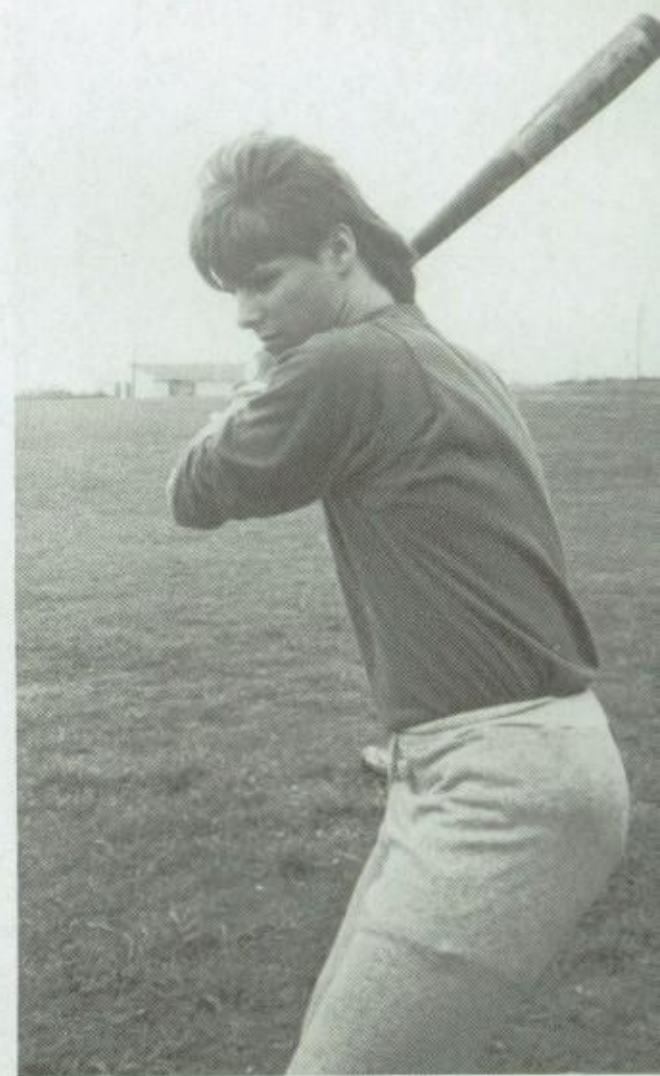
Will it end? Seventh and eighth graders James Daniels, Steve Williams and Nathan Vensel run the mile during their afternoon practice.

How much farther? Julie Batchelor, Julie Bengston, and Bridget Gaskill run during practice.

*Done With
Excellence*

Grand Slam Season

Ready-Aim-Swing! Sr. Varsity Baseball player Chris Taylor is concentrating very hard as he does his daily batting work-out.



This year the Panthers started out their season slow. They were under-rated and supposedly not very likely to make it to the playoffs. Contrary to many people's beliefs the Panthers knew they could win and they had many goals. "Our team matches up well with the other teams in our district, so to win this year we'll have to pull together and work as a team, more so than we have had to in the past." quotes Varsity Baseball player, Jr. Jay Cooper.

The Panthers did start out the district season slow, losing both to Pottsboro and to Whitewright, but not letting their losses get them down they came back and won the rest of their district games. This record put the Panthers in a tie for second with Whitewright, until the Panthers beat Whitewright and Howe beat Pottsboro. Now the Panthers were in a tie for the District Championship with the Cardinals. Whether the Panthers won this game didn't matter as far as the playoffs were concerned. The

Panthers were already secured a spot as the 1st or 2nd place team in District 17 AA. They had also proved their point, that with team work, practice, and patience they could win.

As the Panthers entered the playoffs as the second place team of District 17AA, they realized they would be playing first place Cooper of District 18AA. Underdogs they were, but the Panthers rose to victory with a 2-1 win over Cooper.

Harmony was next on the list as the Panthers moved on to Area competition. The Panthers were seeking revenge on Harmony because of their victory over the Panthers last year at Area. With much determination the Panthers knocked of Harmony and advanced to Regionals.

The mighty Panther's had finally reached Regionals, an area that had eluded them for the past several years. However, the Panther's bid for another striking victory over Teague fell short 7-6.



Varsity Baseball-Back Row: Coach Tom Carden, C. Haker, D. Bengtson, S. Campbell, C. Huffhines, B. Mosby, B. Wilson, J. Cooper, D. Campbell, D. McBee, J. Spencer



Get to Work! Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball Coach Tom Carden keeps a watchful eye on his team to make sure they are working hard.

Junior Varsity

BASEBALL SCORES

Pottsboro	4	V.A.	2
Whitewright	4	V.A.	1
Tom Bean	8	V.A.	15
Howe	6	V.A.	8
Anna	0	V.A.	11
Pottsboro	3	V.A.	5
Whitewright	3	V.A.	8
Tom Bean	0	V.A.	1
Howe	5	V.A.	7
Anna	4	V.A.	12
Pottsboro	6	V.A.	2
Cooper	1	V.A.	2
Harmony	3	V.A.	9
Teague	7	V.A.	6
Season Record	18-6		

Last year was one of the first years in awhile to have a varsity and a Junior Varsity Baseball team. "I was really surprised at how many signed up to play. I feel having both teams gives everyone a fair chance and also prepared the J.V. for Varsity." says Coach Tom Carden.

The Junior Varsity didn't have a big season. They only played four games, due to lack of other J.V. teams. "The few games we did have though gave me some experience for next year." says J.V. player Freshman Greg Moody.

The team finished two and two beating Gunter and Prosper J.V.

Although the season was short the J.V. held up the Panther tradition and played with pride.

J.V. Baseball-Back Row: Coach Tom Carden, D. Campbell, C. Pitts, J. McTee, J. Kirley, J. Tepera, G. Moody, M. Tepera



Not Again! Varsity players Jr. Jay Cooper Jr. Derek Bengtson, and Fresh. Daniel McBee line up and get ready to bat against Howe.

*Done With
Style*

Faithful Fans Reap Successful Seasons

To each his own and to Van Alstyne . . . success. Van Alstyne High School has been dominant in sports for the past several years. The Panther football team has made it to the playoffs the last two years and successfully advanced to regionals in '85. The Lady Panthers, state ranked for the last two years, have made it to the playoffs since '83. They too advanced to regionals falling short of the state tournament by one game the last two years. Baseball, volleyball, and tennis have been equally successful, each representing Van Alstyne in the playoffs.

Success is great. In this case, the people behind it are even better. The bandits, as they became known, a group of Van Alstyne

High School students, followed the Lady Panthers all the way to Tyler last year. "Supporting girl's basketball team as a bandit was lots of fun," said Senior bandit, Chris Taylor.

The bandits, however, were not the only group that supported the Panther athletes. Shorthand became a method of support as the shorthand class filled the hall with puzzling signs to cheer the Panther football team to regionals.

"You all just keep performing miracles," said fan Bill Owen after a football game. Miracles may or may not have had something to do with the past Panther success. But whatever the reason, the faithful fans from Van Alstyne have led the way.

Faithful fans forever!! An early home game brought the faithful fans to their feet as the Panthers defeated Tom Bean.





It's the thought that counts. Seniors Pam Huff and Charlotte Reynolds make some "unreadable" signs during football season.

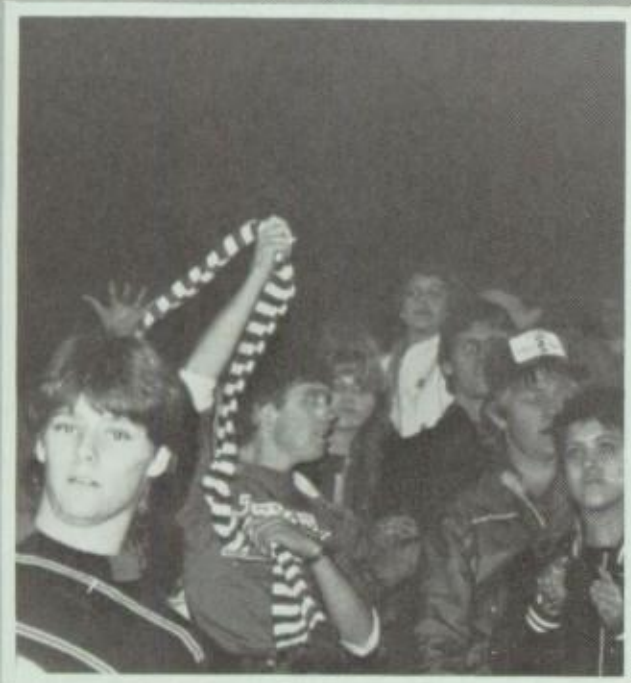


During Every Season . . .

Get that referee! Some past panthers show their feelings toward a bad call made in the Lady Panther's final loss.

Show that spirit! Youthful fans come through once again at a close Panther football game in Terrell.

One more bandit! "It was a way to have fun and also to show my support for the school and display the great spirit that I have." - Scott Campbell

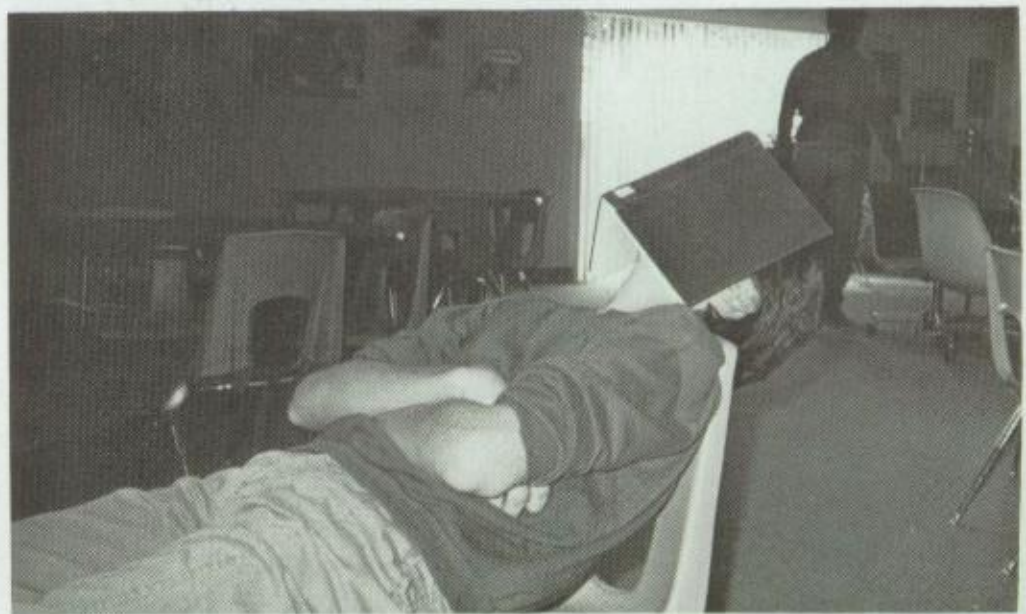
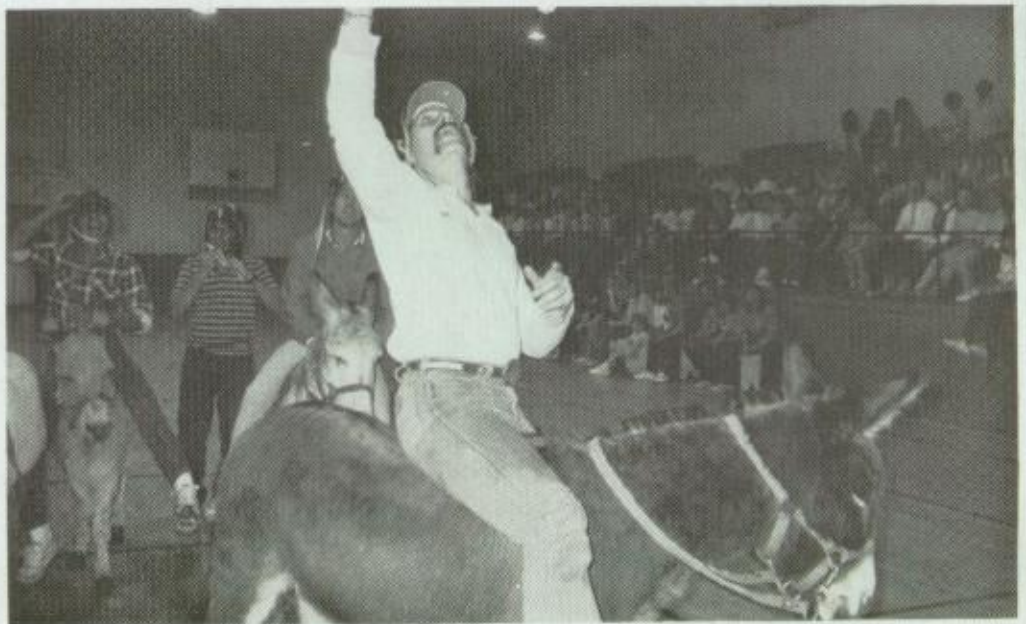


One is Only You

Right At Home! Damon Motley, Ag. teacher, participates in the student-teacher donkey basketball game. The teachers won 12 to 8.

Buried in the book or asleep? Mike Smith takes a short nap while studying in the library.

And That is a Fact! Ryan Reed explains a homework assignment to classmate Michael Green.





Bookworms? Shelly Morgan and Lisa DeHaven search the library for material for their term papers in English III.

During school students spend a lot of time with their friends. They learn to depend on each other for advice and encouragement. But as people learn to depend on each other — they also learn to be their own person. Each student has a distinct personality with his own ideas and opinions. Some are cowboys' who wear only ropers and listen only to George Strait, while others may be real 'preps' who wear only shirts with alligators and polo players on them.

Some are leaders and some are followers. Some prefer pickups to sport cars, and some people actually prefer peanut butter sandwiches to pizza. Yet hopefully each person finds his own unique path in life. You're special place in life can only be filled by you.

The Moment We've All Waited For . . .

"Wait until your Senior year!" "You'll be a Senior before you know it."

These statements, and others like it, are heard by a student over and over throughout their high school life.

A Senior . . . the title commands a little respect, doesn't it? A person with such a title has, for twelve long years, not only done homework every night and crammed for those test every sixth week but has also dealt with the heartache, the uncertainty, and the disappointments, that accompany the existence of a teenager.

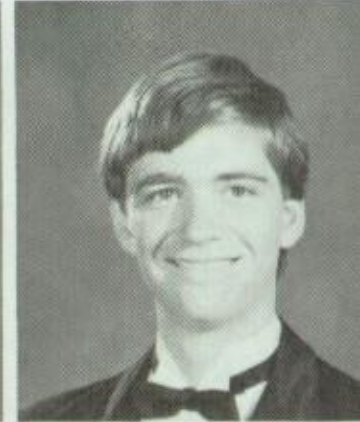
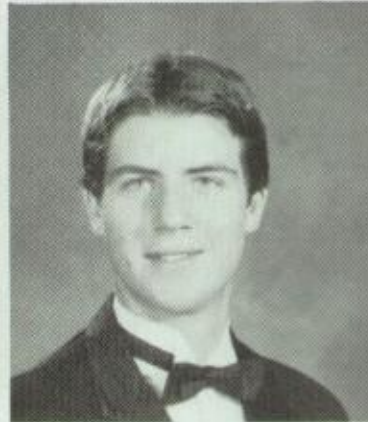
Along with all these trials and hard work comes the fun. The laughter, smiles, and happiness that is shared between friends and the sense of accomplishment that is felt by a graduate is what makes a senior year so special.

Senior Class Officers: S. Campbell, Pres.; C. Huffhines, V. Pres. (not pictured); Pam Huff, Sec.;

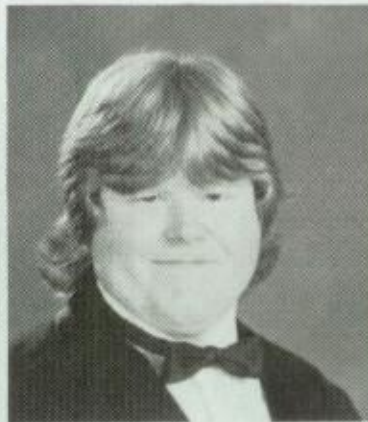
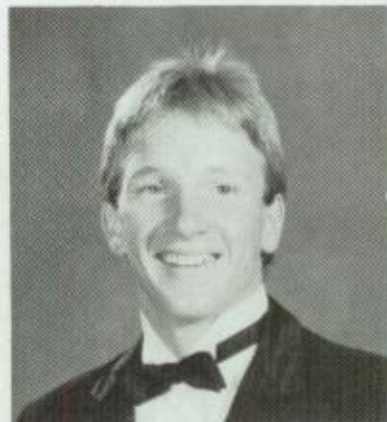
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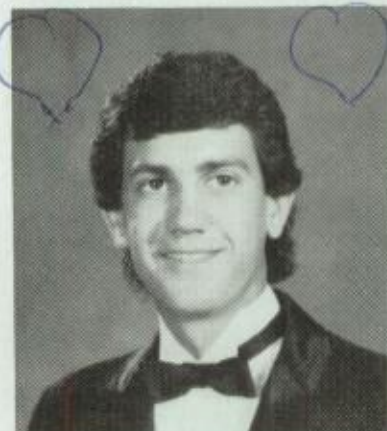
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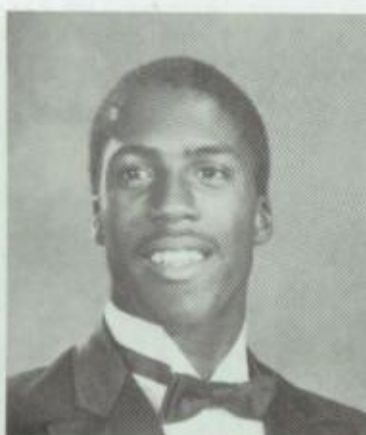
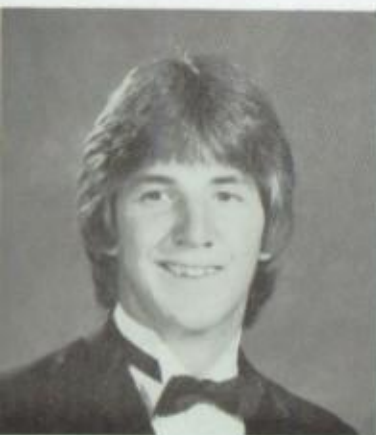


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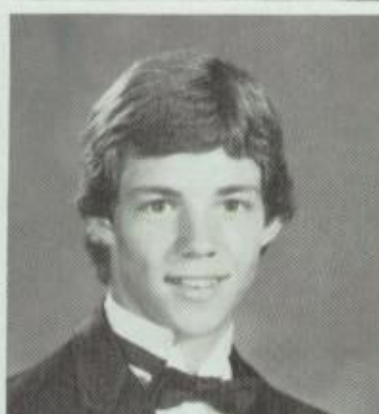


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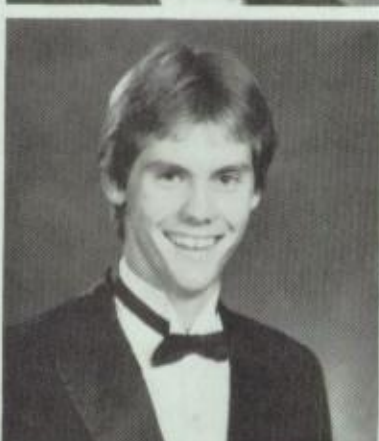
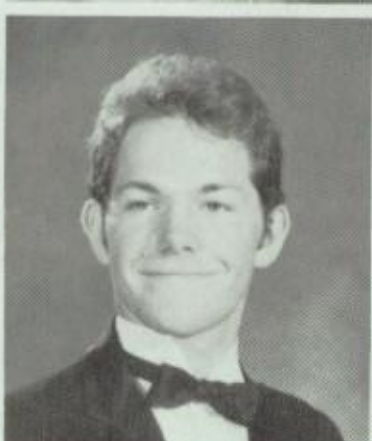
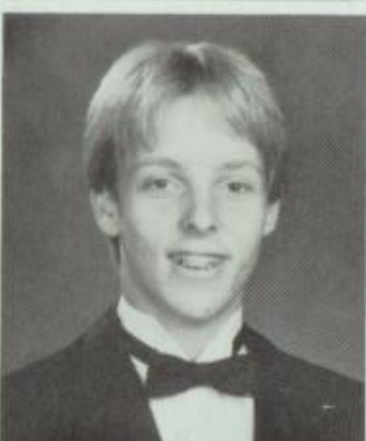




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Brandie Gail Hix
Terri Ann Hix



Chrystal Lea Hodges
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Senior Credits

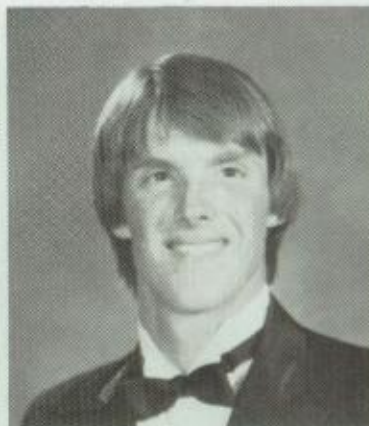
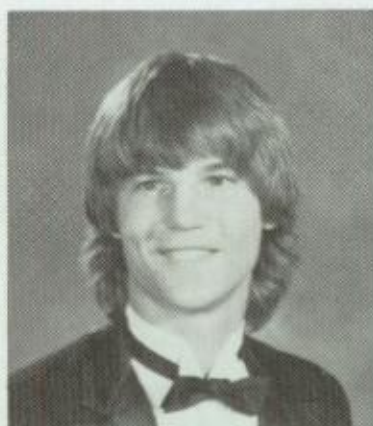
WILL LESLY AIKEN-FFA 1,2; Basketball Manager 1; VICA Co-Op 3; Parliamentarian 3; Student Council 1,2; Science Club 1,2. **WENDY LOUISE BILUPS**-National Honor Society 2-4; Band 1-4, Band Officer 3-4; Track 1-2; Tennis 3-4; Yearbook 1-4; FHA 1,2,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Drill Team 1,2; UIL 1-4; Poetry & Journalism; Class Officer, Treasurer 4. **STACY WAYNE BURK**-National Honor Society 2-4; Track 1,3; Football 1; FFA 1-4, District & Area Talent 1-3, State Talent (4th) 2,3, National Talent (Kansas City, MO) 4, Officer 4. **DAVID SCOTT CAMPBELL**-National Honor Society 2-4, Treasurer, Vice-President 4; Library Assistant 3; Football 1; Basketball 1-4; Mr. VAHS Baseball 1-4, 2nd Team All-District 1st & Outf. 3; Bleacher Bandit 4; Span-

ish Club 4, Treasurer 4; Class President 4; FFA 1. **EDDIE L. CATE**-National Honor Society 4; FFA 1; Science Club 1; Football 1-4; 2nd Team All-District Guard 3-4; 2nd Team Defensive Linebacker 3-4, Team Captain 4; Track 2; Baseball 1; Fall Festival King 4. **GLYNDON SHANE CHANDLER**-FFA 1-4, Lone Star Farmer 3; Football 1-4; Library Assistant 3; Speech & Drama Club 3-4; Science Club 1; Intramurals 1-2; Athletics 1-4. **BETTINA DIXEN**-Exchange Student from Denmark. **MELISSA ANN FERGUSON**-National Honor Society 2-3; Science Club 1; Band 1-4, Drum Major 2-4; Varsity Basketball 1-4, District & State Honors 2-4; Track 4, District Honor 2. **DOUGLAS CLAYTON FLANERY**-FFA 1-4, Greenhand Reporter 1, Sentinel 3, Reporter 4; Track 1-2; Student Council 1-4, Parliamentarian 4; Fall Festival Class Representative 3; Most Unpredictable 4; State Lone Star Farmer Degree 4. **HAROLD GONZALES**-Transfer from McKinney; Football 3-4; Track 1-4; Regional Qualifier 3; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 3-4; FHA 3; Yearbook 2-3; Science Club 1, French Club 1. **AMY ANN GUINN**-FHA 1-4; President 4; Band 1-4; Officer 3-4; Miss Spirit 4; Miss Flirt 4; Drill Team 4; UIL 3-4. **GRAHAM REED GUTHRIE**-Golf

1-2; Track 2; Football 1-4, Honorable Mention 4; FFA 1. **CHUCK HAKER**-Football 1-4; All-District 3-4, All-Area 3; Baseball 1-4, All-District 2-3; Basketball 1-4; FFA 1-4; Most Attractive 4; Class Favorite 2; Treasurer 3; Fall Festival Class Representative 1. **PAUL WINSTON HICKSON**-FFA 1-4, Officer 1-4; Football 1-4, All-District RB 3-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1-4; Drama 4; Speech 3. **BRANDIE GAIL HIX**-FFA 2; Basketball 1; Golf 1; FHA 2; Sherman Cosmetology 3-4. **TERRI ANN HIX**-Basketball 1-2; Track 1-2; Cheerleader 1; Drill Team 2-4; Science Club 1-2; Speech & Drama Club 3; Library Assistant 4; FHA 4. **CHRYSTAL LEA HODGES**-FFA 1; FHA 1-3; Drama Club 1,3; Science Club 1; Student Council 1. **DEBRA HOLLAND**-Transfer from Angleton High School, Band 2; Track 4; Volleyball 4; UIL Number Sense 2-4; UIL Science 3-4; Fall Festival Princess 3; Spanish Club Secretary 4; FHA 2,4. **PAMELA GAYLE HUFF**-Science Club 1; National Honor Society 3-4; Basketball Manager 2; FHA 1-4; Drill Team 1-4; UIL 3-4; Class Secretary 4. **CRAIG PREWITT HUFFHINES**-National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council 1-4, President 4; FFA 1-4, President 2-4; Football 1-4, All-District 3-4, Captain 4; Basketball 1-3;

Senior Class Vice-President 4; Baseball 3-4; Track 1,4; Bleacher Bandit 4; VAHS Official Announcer. **PAM HURST**-Early Graduate. **THOMAS D. LAMSON**-Band 1-4, Grayson County Honor Band 1, Sweepstakes Band 1. **GREGORY DEAN LAY**-FFA 1-4; Baseball 1-2; UIL Prose 1,2,4; Football Manager 1-2; Speech & Drama Club 1. **BRIAN ANDREW MCCASLAND**-Football 1-2; FFA 1,2,4; Golf 2.

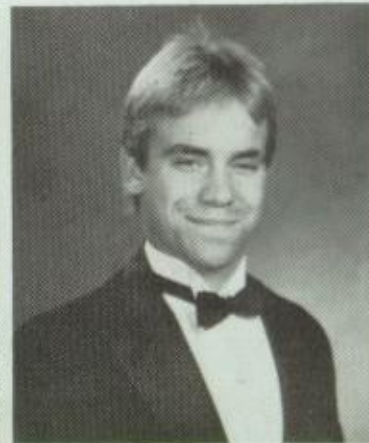
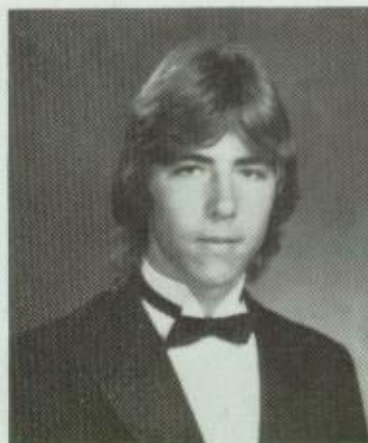
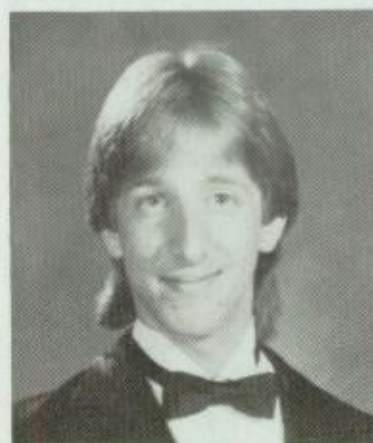
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Tammy Annette Murley
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Charlotte Ann Reynolds
Audra Gay Ritchie



Danny Scalf
Jason Spencer
Jeff Spencer
Lisa Ann Spradling



Making Decisions

Graduation is always such an important time in a student's life. School is in the past and the future lies in the hands of each graduate. Some will leave home and others will go to college. Whichever path is chosen, the decision is a difficult one to make.

"I am going to get a job and make lots of money!" - Jody Wesson

"I am going to work and probably go to college. I kind of want to be a disc-jockey." - Greg Lay

"I am going to technical school to be a recording engineer because music is about the only

thing that interests me." - Danny Scalf

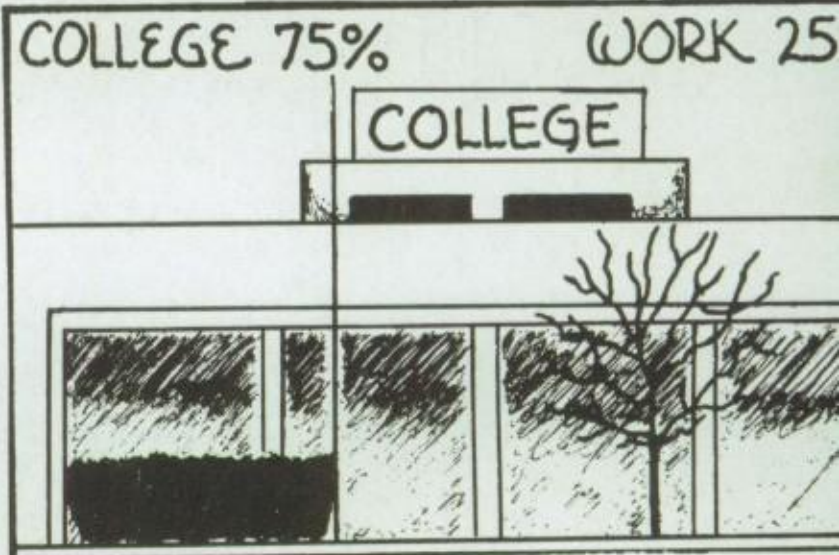
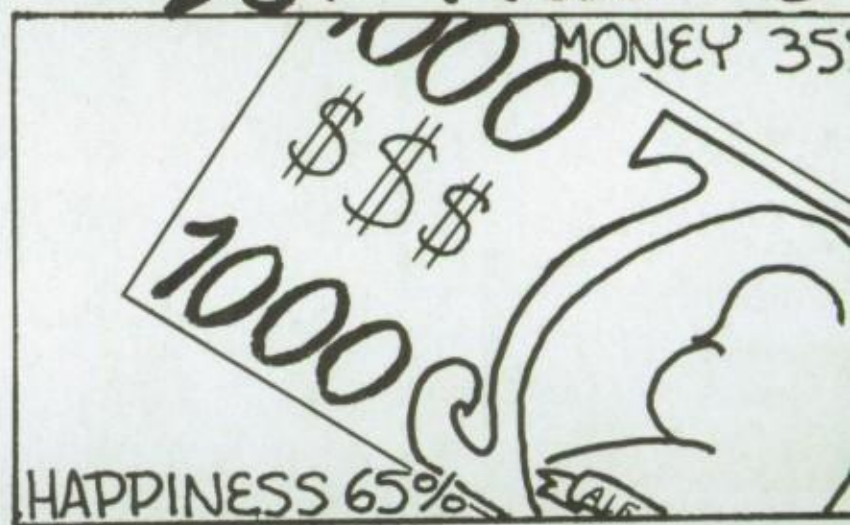
"I am going to college because I want to become an interior designer." - Lisa Spradling

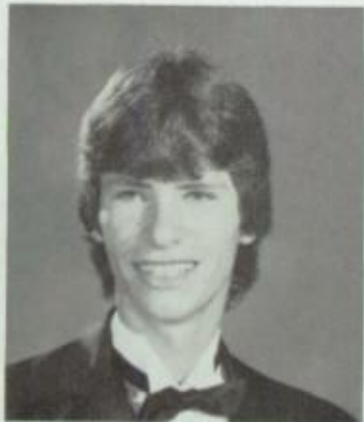
"I am going to go to college and study to be an elementary school teacher. I want to be a teacher because I like working with children." - Tammy Murley

"I want to go to college and major in art so I can be a major clothes designer." - Audra Ritchie

"I want to go to college and start on my career. I want to make lots of money!" - Eddie Cate

86's Future





Brandon J. Stacks
Christina Stockl



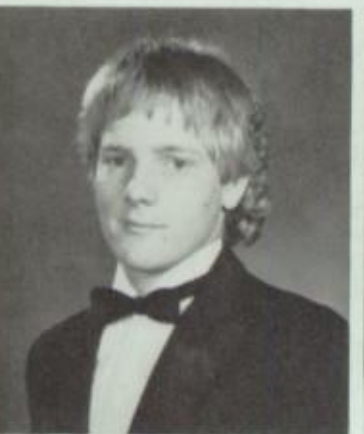
Chris Taylor
Nancy Tepera



Lisa Thomas
Nancy Michelle
Weatherley



Marilyn Jo Wesson
Chikako Wilkinson



Aaron Williams
Candace Ann
Wright



Senior Credits

MICHAEL MCCOLLUM-Football 1-4, Team Captain 4, All-District 3-4; Class President 3; FFA 3; Library Assistant 3-4. **LEIGH MCTEE**-Early Graduate. **CARROL SCOTT MCTEE**-Student Council 1-4, Treasurer 4; National Honor Society 2-4; FFA 1-4; Football 1-4; Honorable Mention DL 4; Basketball 1-4; Tennis 3-4; Golf 1-4, Regional Qualifier 1; Baseball 1-4, Honorable Mention Inf. 3. **LAURA MICHELE MINCHEY**-National Honor Society 2-4; Science Club 1; Library Assistant 3; Basketball 1-4; Volleyball 3-4; Track 1-4, Track Award 3, Regional Qualifier 4; Most Athletic Award 4; UIL Typing 3; UIL Short-hand 4. **TAMMY ANNETTE MURLEY**-Cheerleader 1-4; Head 4; National Honor Society 1-4; Class Favorite 2; Basketball 1-2; Track 1-2; Class Secretary 1-2; Band 1-4, President 4, Grayson County Honor Band 1, North Texas Honor Band 4, State Trio in Band 4; Science Club 1; FFA 4. **LATONYA DEWAYNE MURPHY**-Library Assistant 4; Basketball 1; Track 1; FHA 1-3; Drill Team 1-3, Lt. 3; Vice-President VICA (Sherman) 3; Who's Who (Sherman Cosmetology) 4. **CHARLOTTE ANN REYNOLDS**-National Honor Society 3-4, Treasurer 4; Track 4; FHA 1-4, Secretary 4; Drill Team 1-4. **AUDRA GAY RITCHIE**-Drill Team 1-4; National Honor Society 4; Library Assistant 4; Intramural Volleyball 1; Speech & Drama Club 3-4; UIL Typing 3; UIL One-Act Play 4; FHA 1-4; Spanish Club 4; Most Friendly 4. **DANNY SCALF**-National Honor Society 3-4; Library Assistant 3-4. **JASON SPENCER**, **JEFF SPENCER**-Baseball 1-4, All-District 2-3; Football 1-4, All-District 2nd Team 4; Track 1, 3; FFA 3; Intramural Volleyball 2-3. **LISA ANN SPRADLING**-FHA 1-4; Intramural Volleyball 1; Student Advisory Council 3; Band 1-3, Assistant Drum Major 2; Drill Team 4; Science Club 1-2. **BRANDON J. STACKS**-FFA 1-2; Co-Op Club 3-4. **CHRISTINA STOCKL**-Exchange Student from Australia. **CHRIS TAYLOR**-Transfer from Reagen High School, Austin; Soccer 2-4; Class Historian 4; basketball 4; Baseball 4; Track 4; Most Attractive 4; FHA 4; Bleacher Bandit 4; Spanish Club 4; Drama Club. **NANCY TEPERA**-Transfer from Allen; National Honor Society 2-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1-3; Fall Festival Queen 4; Tennis 3; Volleyball 3-4; Class Favorite 1, 3; Spanish Club Vice-President 4; National Merit Commended Scholar. **LISA THOMAS**-Early Graduate. **NANCY MICHELLE WEATHERLEY**-National Honor Society 2-4, Secretary 4, Band 1-4, Officer 4; Tennis 1-4, Regional Qualifier 2-4; Yearbook 1-4, Cub Editor 4; Drill Team 1-3, Co-Captain 2, Captain 3, Mascot 4; UIL Typing 2, Prose 3-4, Editorial Writing 4, Regional Qualifier 4; FHA 2, 4; Miss Spirit 2; Who's Who in American High School Students. **MARILYN JO WESSON**-Cheerleader 1-2; Drill Team 3-4; Fall Festival Princess 1; Student Council 2-3; Class President 1; Class Vice-President 2-3; FHA Vice-President 2, 4; Speech & Drama Club Secretary 4; Homecoming Nominee 4; Class Favorite 4; Most Unpredictable 4. **CHIKAKO WILKINSON**-Exchange Student from Japan; Band 4; Library Assistant 4; Basketball 4; Tennis 4; Drill Team 4; Volleyball 4. **AARON WILLIAMS**-FFA 1-4, Sentinel 4, Lone Star Farmer Award. **CANDACE ANN WRIGHT**-Cheerleader 2-4; National Honor Society 2-4, President 4; Spanish Club President 4; Yearbook 1-4, Editor 4; Student Council 2-4, Secretary 4; Homecoming Queen Nominee 4; Football Sweetheart 4; Most Likely To Succeed 4; Miss VAHS 4; Who's Tho in American High School Students; UIL Journalism 4, Regional and State Qualifier 4.

Our Favorites Are . . .

Lights, Camera, Action!!! Jody Wesson and Michelle Weatherley play their parts in the senior play, "The Saga of Sagebrush Sal."

Good times and lots of fun fill every year, but the seniors' school year is even more special. The final year of school marks the closing of a large chapter in the senior students' lives, so every moment is cherished and every occasion is treasured.

"My favorite memory was going to the Whitesboro football game. It was a lot of fun." Scott Campbell

"My favorite memory was the field trip to Oklahoma City because as seniors we all got to act like ourselves and be crazy." Michelle Weatherley

Mr. & Miss VAHS
Scott Campbell and Candace Wright



Most Athletic
Paul Hickson and Laura Minchey



Friendliest
Scott Campbell and Audra Ritchie



Mr. & Miss Flirt
Eddie Cate and Amy Guinn



Senior Favorites
Scott Campbell and Jody Wesson

Most Attractive
Chuck Haker, Nancy Tepera,
and Chris Taylor (not Pictured)



Most Likely to Succeed
Scott Campbell and Candace Wright



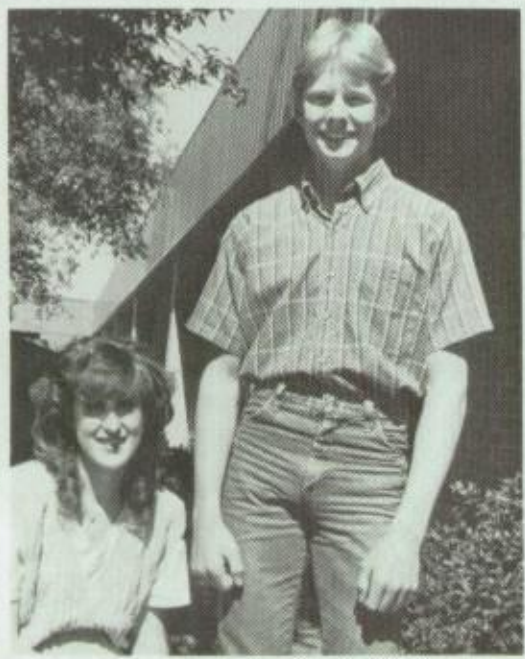
Best All Around
Scott Campbell and Nancy Tepera



Cute
Most Unpredictable
Doug Flanery and Jody Wesson



Pep Club Beau — Craig Huffhines
Football Sweetheart — Candace Wright



"I feel it is a tremendous honor to be chosen over so many other neat people in our class. This year's Junior class is so totally bogus that receiving this honor makes me feel really good." -Sonya Batchelor

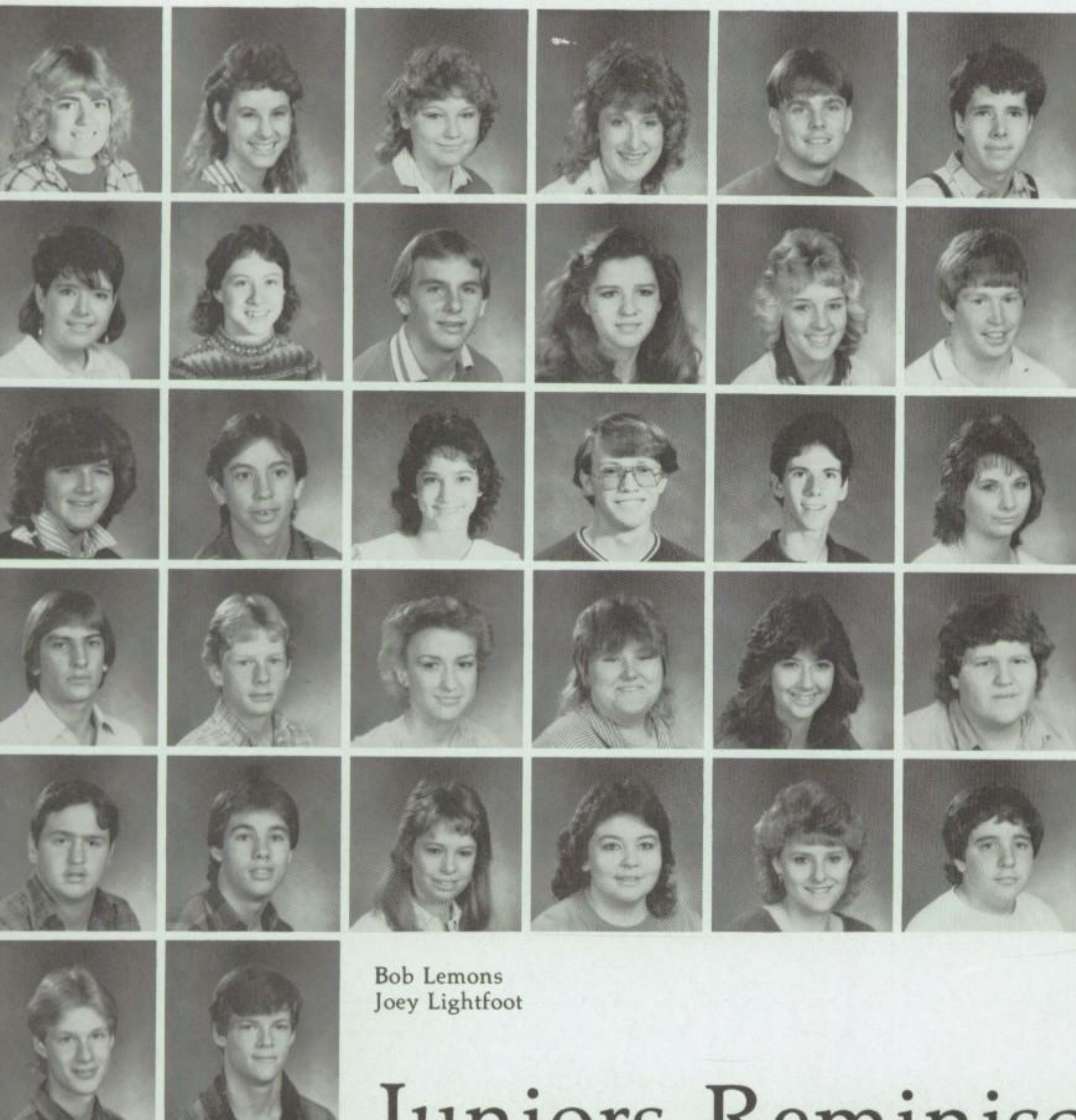
"Being elected class favorite means a lot to me. This is something that can't be won. I think it's neat that my classmates think this much of me." - Hunter Floyd.



See my ring? Marla Wise looks at her new Senior ring with pride. How much did you say that cost you?



Junior Class Officers - Brandt tary; Sonya Batchelor, Treasurer; Wright, President; Rebecca Buckner, Sponsors - Kathy Mitchell, K Vice President; Marla Wise, Secre- Cannon, Chris Smith, Jane Ripley



Lara Allen
Robin Aly
Jill Ashley
Sonya Batchelor
Derek Bengtson
Justin Buckner

Rebecca Buckner
Sheila Brophy
Jay Cooper
Lisa Davidson
Lisa DeHaven
Danny Denton

Judy Denton
Mike Domingos
Shelley Douglas
Dane Edwards
Chris Elrod
Elizabeth Fisher

Bradley Flatt
Hunter Floyd
Shannon Forehand
Katrina Gentry
Shawna Graf
Darrin Green

Alvin Harris
Mike Harris
Ginger Hill
Kelly Hix
Sherri Holloway
John Kirley

Bob Lemons
Joey Lightfoot

Juniors Reminisce

"One of my favorite memories was dressing up, for the girls' basketball games. It was a blast painting all up, getting rowdy, and cheering for the girls," - Billy Wilson.

"I think the Junior class is a tight sphere of people who know how to stick together and show enthusiasm. They know how to win!" - Derek Bengtson.

"My worst memory was when I failed and didn't get to run track." - Mike Harris.

"My favorite memory is when we beat Quitman. The fans were screaming and yelling, the team was jumping up and down; it was so exciting. It really showed me what kind of spirit this town has." - Michele Williams.

"My worst memory was not having the girls' basketball team go to state this year." - Sherri Holloway.

"My favorite memory was being able to drive to school legally." - Shelley Douglas.



ch Bum?? Brian Taylor models collection of beachwear for the finish class.

Tamara Long
 Tammy Lynch
 Sarah Mahaffey
 Jennifer McCullar
 Darla Miller
 Shelly Morgan



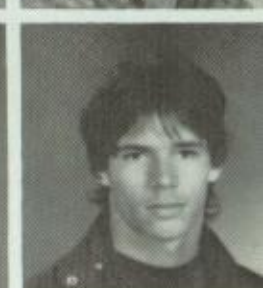
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 Rhonda Rubio



Dee Dee Sloan
 Mike Smith
 Darrin Stewart
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 Brian Taylor
 Brian Thur



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 Christie Trout
 Kara Van Hooser
 Todd Velekei
 Michele Williams
 Billy Wilson



Rodney Wilson
 Shelly Wilson
 Marla Wise
 Michelle Wolfe
 Brandt Wright
 Mandy Zastudil



Juniors Take TEAMS

This year the Junior class had to take and pass a new test, the TEAMS Test, to graduate. The purpose was to make sure that if a person cannot read or write they do not graduate. Some students thought it was easy, others did not.

Most students considered the test fairly easy. "The TEAMS were easier than I thought they would be. I think the teachers tried to scare us into thinking they were hard, but they turned out to be easy. They'll probably get harder in the future, commented Shannon Forehand. "The test was easy,"

said Rhonda Rubio. "I really don't remember, I'm getting all those 'bubble' tests mixed up." Kelly Hix said, "They should be a little harder; the way they are now anyone can pass them."

Some had a little trouble with the test. "They're okay," said Shawna Graf, "English was easy but the Math was a little hard." Craig Page said, "It wasn't hard but it wasn't easy."

The results of the test were received in Junior English classes. Lisa DeHaven said, "I was worried before I got my results, but after-

wards I was relieved." Shelly Morgan said, "I was relieved when I got the results back."

The TEAMS Test not only added another test to high school student's long list, but presented the new concept of graduation depending on a minimum skills test. Most students were successful in passing the test, others will be retested.

The TEAMS Test put even more pressure on students to work harder and to remember what was learned.



Why us? Mike Morgner, Sheila Murphy, and Ashley Stinton find themselves once again being tested on academic skills. All those bubbles!



"The TEAMS Test, I believe, was a waste of time. We already have two other tests to record our progress through the year. The test was easy anyway. All it does is test us over stuff we have been tested over 5 times before. I think if you can pass your classes, semester tests, and six weeks tests, you are qualified to graduate. If it is anyone's fault for kids not graduating who don't know how to read or write, it's the teachers', they should have failed him or her and worked with them harder." -Tim Renneker.

MATH
90% Passed
10% Failed

ENGLISH
96% Passed
4% Failed

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Sophomores Look Back

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry! It's a race against time as Tiffany Cook, Jodi Renne, and

Jana Lightfoot work hard to meet their next annual staff deadline.



"My best memory was getting to leave school for lunch and being Mildred Veal's aid." - Shelley Phillips

"My best memory was getting my license and going to San Antonio." - Dawn McMahan

"My best memory was going to San Antonio and to contest with the band." - Michelle Domingos

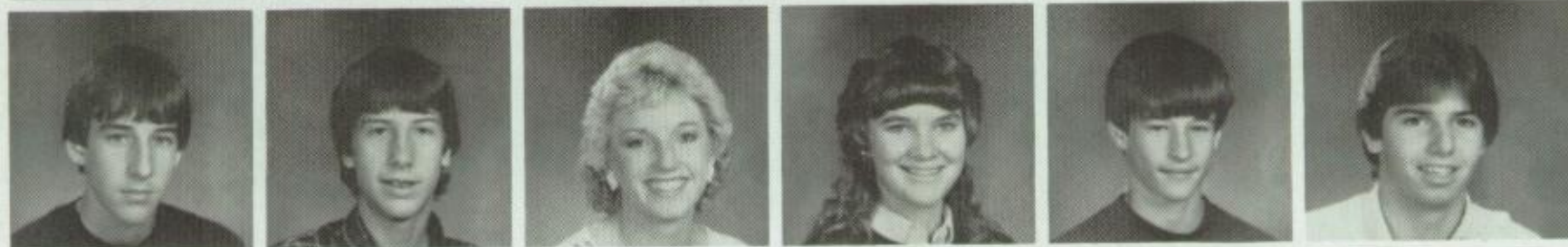
"My best memory was playing sports and making the UIL team in typing." - Richard Cayce

"One of my best memories was getting inducted into the National Honor Society." - Tiffany Cook

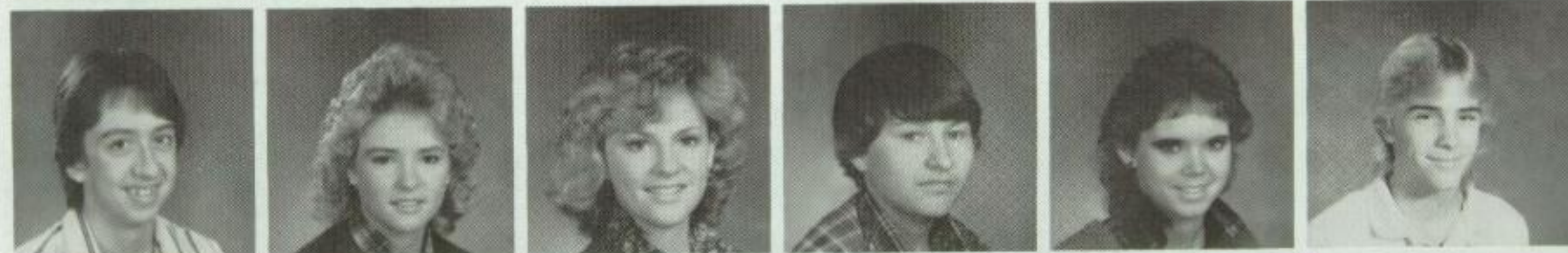
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Gary Akins
Stacy Ashford
Becky Bannister
David Beaty



Greg Beaty
Keith Blair
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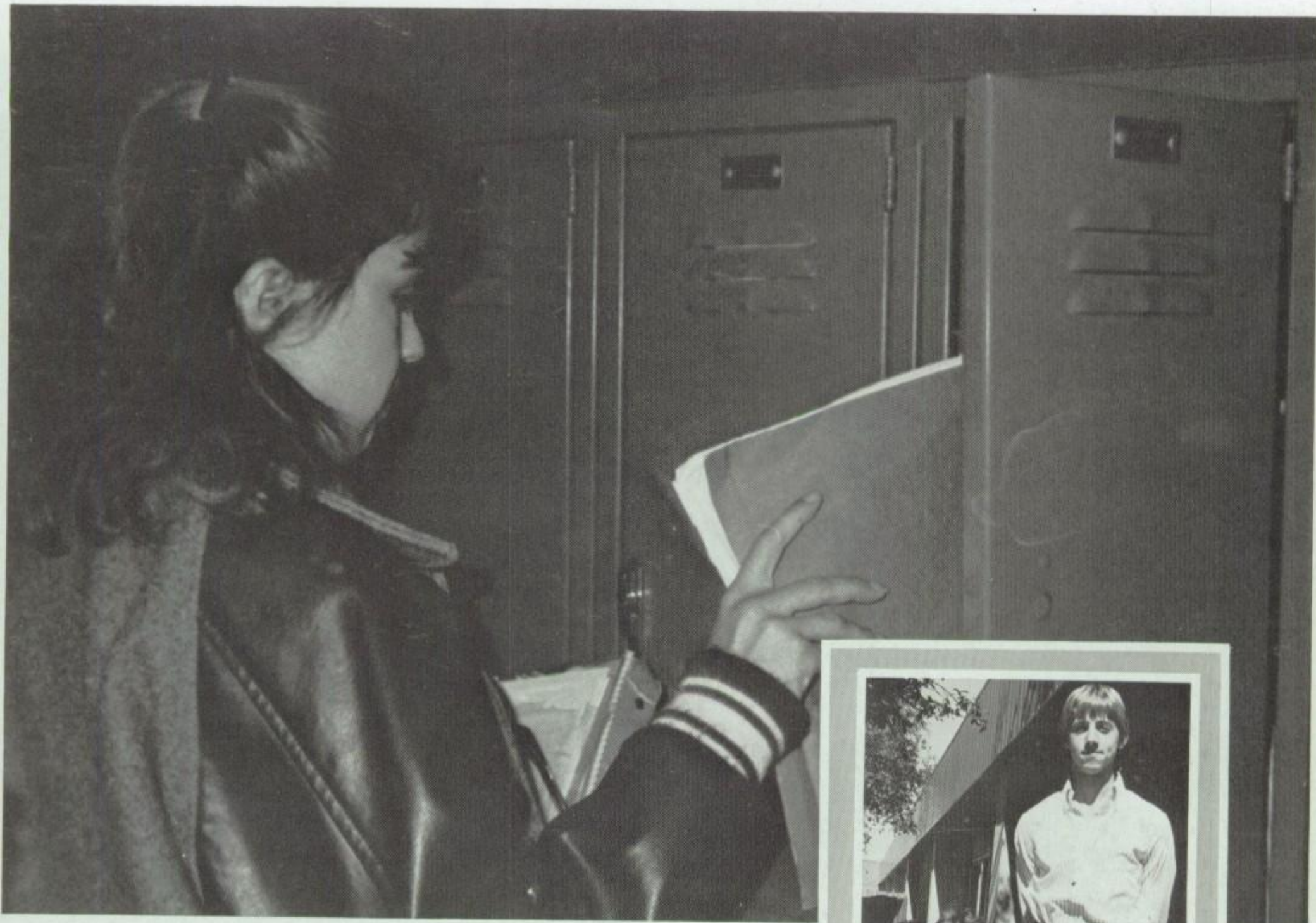


Shannon Dhane
Glenn Doggett
Michelle Domingos
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Laura Harrison
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Darrel Huddleston
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Wendy Jones
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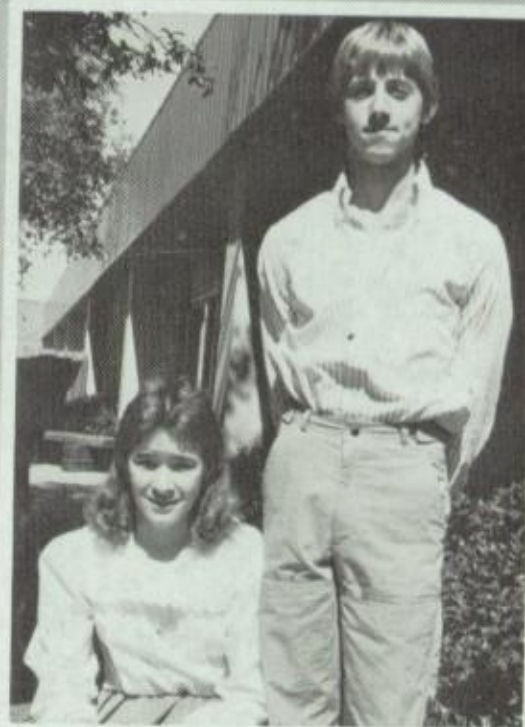
Will it Fit? Laura Sloan ventures to her locker once again before the day

is done. Look out below! There could be an avalanche.



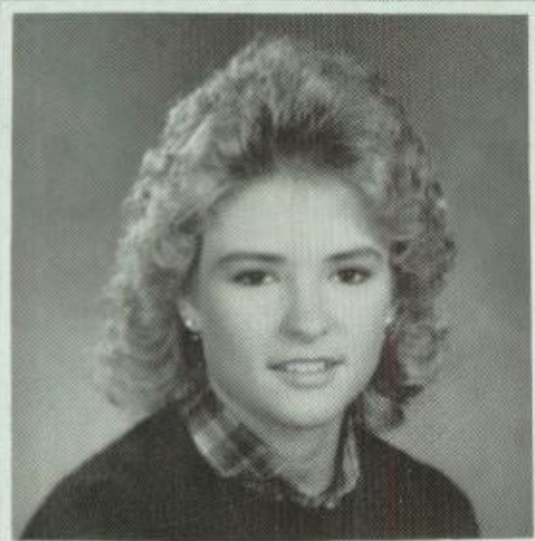
Sophomore Class Officers- S. Ashford, Sec.; B. Bannister, Pres.; P. Payne, Vice-Pres.

Sponsors: N. Jacobs, E. Howard, B. Cox, M. McDaniel



"It was one of the greatest surprises of the whole year. Thanks guys!" -Pam Pittman

"Being class favorite is okay. I'm glad to know I've got this many friends to talk to if I've got a problem." -Chad Huffhines



"I think that this year has gone really well for the Sophomore class. We have all kept very busy and have finally gotten over the big fright that everyone talks of in high school.

We are reaching the time when we should start making decisions about our futures. College, careers, and happiness will be the main goals in our lives.

I think that over the years, we have really grown up a lot, matured, and accomplished a great deal. Our classmates have come to know that you only live once and have to make the best out of that one time and enjoy your high school years as they go by so fast." -Stacey Conner

Now I've Gotcha! Jerry Coleman likes to spend his spare weekend time playing video games at Pizza's 'R' with his friends.

FREE "WEEKEND" TIME



80%

BE WITH FRIENDS



5%

GO SHOPPING



10%

DATING



5%

CRUISING

Sophomores of the '80's

The sophomore class is at the age where they are able to go out on weekends and meet new people or just go cruising with friends. Some of the luxuries of life which the sophomores enjoy are dating, shopping, cruising, or just being with each other.

One of the favorite hobbies of the sophomores is to go out at night, ride around, and see their friends which is also known as "cruising". Michelle Domingos said "I usually spend my week-

ends in Plano cruising around with old friends. Since I don't have a license or a car, I usually ride around with my classmates."

Jerry Coleman usually spends his weekends different from other sophomores as he explains here. "Usually, I go to track meets or sometimes I just stay home and watch T.V."

Tim Lamson socializes on weekends as most typical sophomores do. "I usually go to someones house or just hang around town.

Other times I'll go to the movies."

Tammy Bodecker said, "I usually go cruising or skating, but I really like going to the movies or going out on a date."

All students spend their weekends differently. Many good memories are made whether it is by cruising, dating, or spending time with friends. No matter how the nights are spent, all agree that weekends hold some of the best times of the week.



Tim Lamson
Randy Lemons
Ron Lemons
Jana Lightfoot
Jennifer Likely
Vance Linkswiler



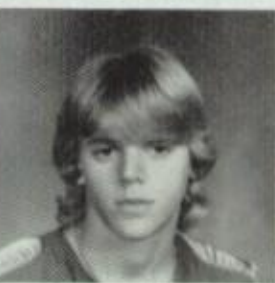
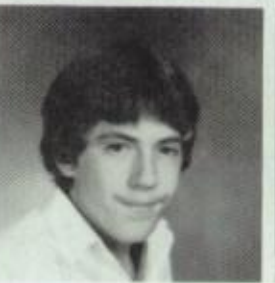
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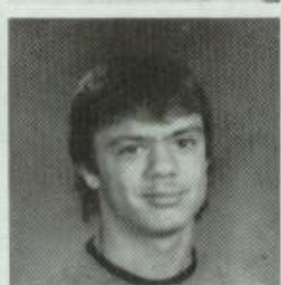
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Freshmen Thoughts At The Beginning

April McCollum



"It is a big change from middle school because you're around different people of different ages. The best word that describes what you have to be in high school is humble," Raymond Williams. Once settled into the routine of high school, the future senior class of 1989 viewed high school no differently than the current senior class. "The worst thing that happened to me my Freshman year was being handcuffed in the boy's restroom for two classes by seniors," remembers Senior Tom Lamson.

There were a lot of views of what high school was going to be; as James Gardner tells us, "My first day of school was sort of fun. I thought high school was going to be hard, but it really wasn't."

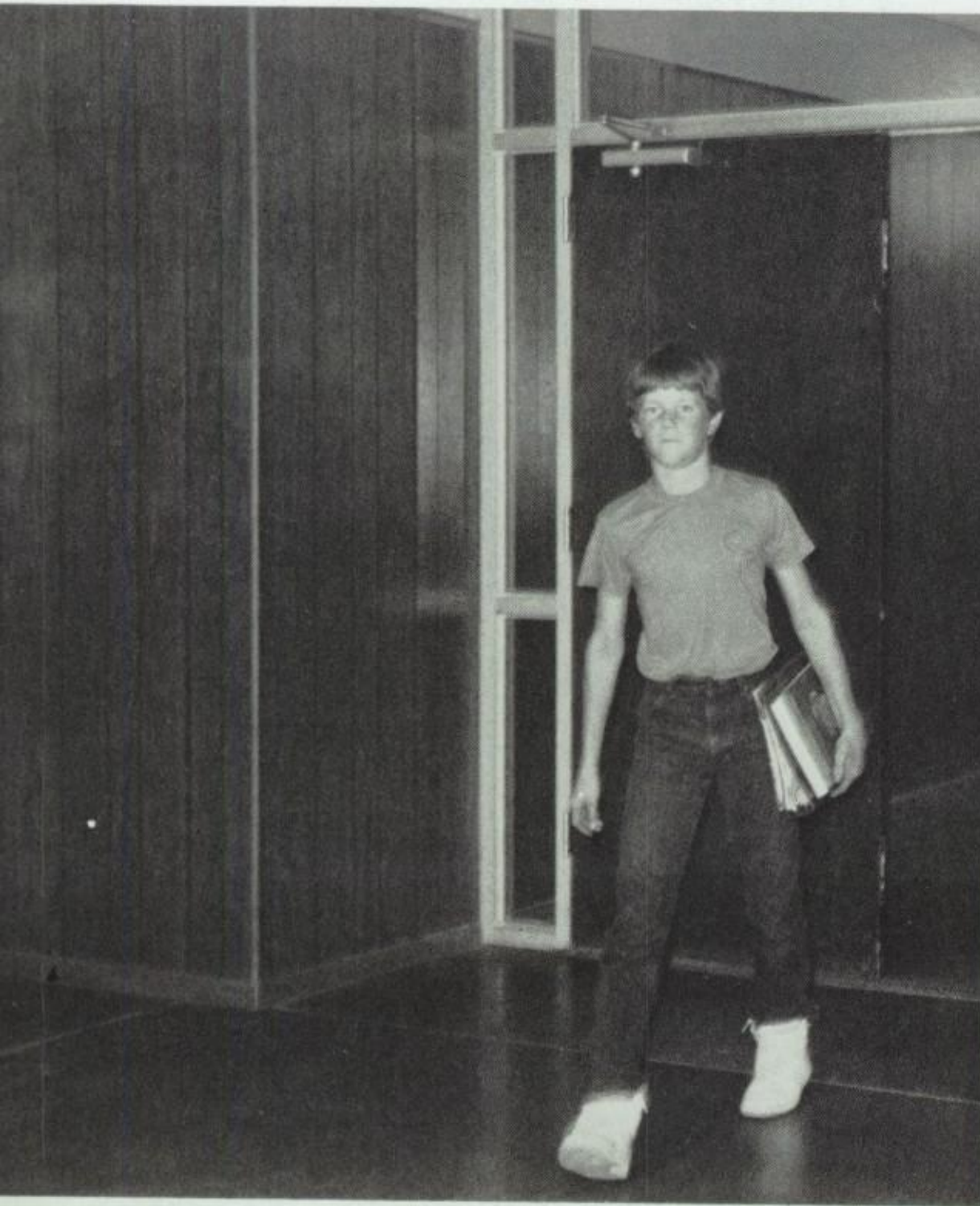
One change that must be dealt with is the fact that one might go all day without really seeing or talking to their best friend due to the result of scheduling differences. "Last year I knew and talked to everyone, but this year I only talk to the people who are in my classes," said Robin Beau-

mont.

High school offers new adventures: new people, wider selection of classes, and a realization that seeing the same people day to day is not going to occur.

Michael Tepera has a unique outlook on what he enjoys most. "The best thing about high school is the girls — a much better and more varied selection."

The typical Freshman year holds anticipation, excitement, memories, and a new beginning for every person.



What a drag! Greg Moody has his work cut out for him as he begins another day of classes at Van Alstyne High School.

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"This school year has been odd. A lot of things have happened. There's a bunch of new kids and good looking girls. The classes are all easy and the teachers are nice. I've met new friends, I like all of them. All of our sports are awesome, and the coaches know what they're doing. So I think this year has been a bash." -Shawn Wright



Chow Down! Freshmen Daniel McBee, Michael Garrison, and Michael Jackson don't seem to hesitate

eating when their lunch period finally gets here.

"Getting class favorite was really fun, I got a new dress for the picture!-Shannon Moore.

"I felt getting class favorite was a great honor. I am glad I can now serve my fellow classmates."-Doug Campbell.

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Shawn Wright
Sharon Wygal

Freshmen Speak Out

"My favorite memory was being a 1985-86 Highstepper of the Van Alstyne High School Drill Team."
- Dana Davis

"My favorite memory was Christmas vacation because I go to see my boyfriend and all of my relatives."
- Joy Brophy

"My favorite memory was the dance. I had lots of fun."
- Donna

Williams

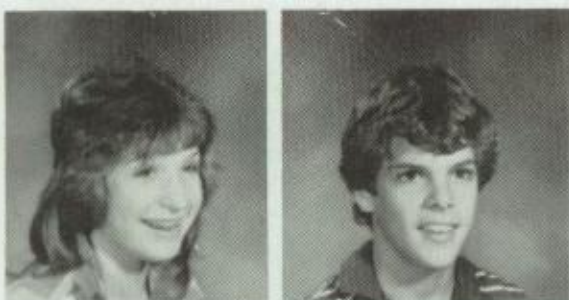
"My favorite memory was meeting new people and looking forward to summer vacation."
- Angela Cherry

"My favorite memory was the football games and all the other high school activities. I also enjoyed being a cheerleader."
- Tracey Shearer

What to Take? Freshman Marcus O'Brien works with High School counselor, Jay Davis, on his class schedule for next year.



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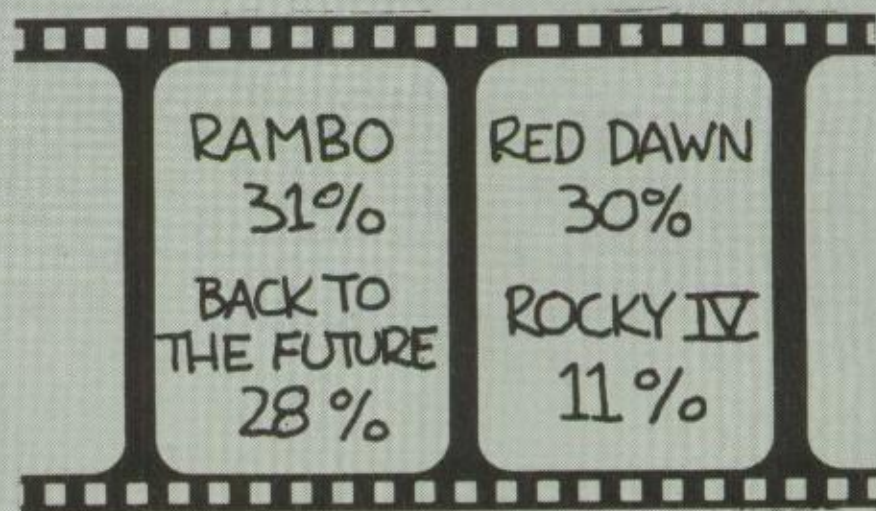
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Valerie Miller and Tammy McCabe look through the newspaper to see if their favorite movie is playing at the local theater.



Eighth Graders Escape To The Movies

Movies are growing very fast in popularity and they are bigger than ever with Van Alstyne eighth graders. Even though Van Alstyne does not have their own movie theater these 13-14 year olds support the surrounding theaters with their patronage.

Several favorites were found after talking with eighth grade students. "My favorite movie is 'Fright Night' because it is both funny and scary at the same time," said Carey Conner. Lori DeHaven selected the 'Outsiders' as her favorite movie because "it starred Matt Dillion." While on the other hand Brian Morgan's favorite is 'Silverado' because "the actors are very good."

All eighth graders have different opinions of movies they would stand in line to see. Some are westerns, some are horror, some are comedies. 'Places in the Heart' is my favorite movie. I liked it because it had a good plot and theme to it. It was kind of sad but also happy. It was great," said Julie Bengtson. Though the cost of the ticket keeps rising, a good movie provides good entertainment.



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Tracey Lamson



Chey Laube
Teri Lawrence



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Seventh Graders Count Down

One of the favorite pastimes of seventh graders is listening to music. Many different people of this

day and time listen to all kinds of music such as rock, country, classical, soft rock, heavy metal or Christian. Seventh grader Angela Barcheers says, "I listen to rock music because it's loud and I enjoy the rhythm."

Country music is a favorite of Bridget Gaskill, "you can understand what the singers are saying." She also likes country music, "it has that special sound that almost everyone enjoys."

Classical music is the music listened to least by seventh graders. There are only a few radio stations that play classical music, therefore, very few seventh graders

have the opportunity to hear it.

Some of the 12 year olds are heavy metal listeners. Not many people like it because of the long guitar solos but Kyle Null likes heavy metal, "I like the fantastic solos."

To certain individuals such as Tommy Shearer, soft rock is the only thing to listen to, "I listen to soft rock because it is soothing to the mind after a hard day at school." Seventh graders are very particular about the music they listen to. This may not be one of the best ways to pass the time of day, but it is a very good form of entertainment.



Roy Lee McClusky
Chris Miller
Kim Miracle
Brad Nevil
Kyle Null
Jenny Renne

Eric Sanderson
Tommy Shearer
Susan Sims
Kristina Sisterman
Monty Smith
Michael Sowers

Jason Spencer
Andy Spillers
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Chance Tillet
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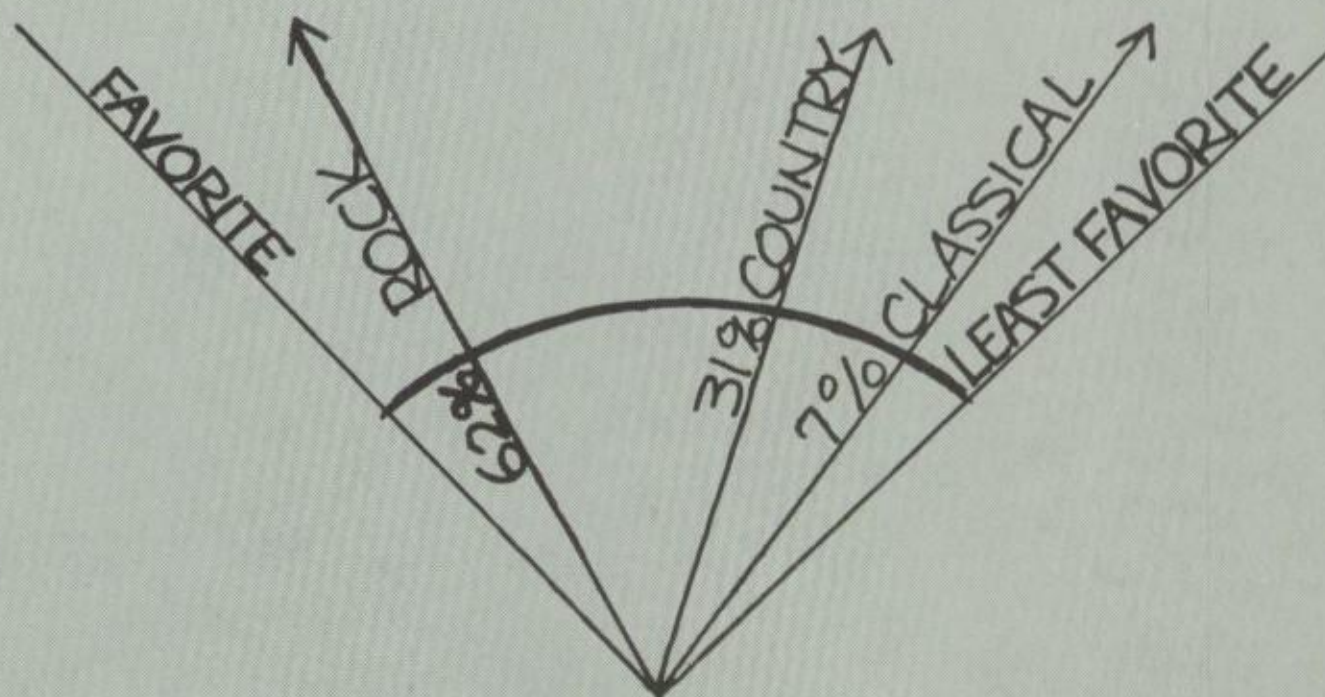
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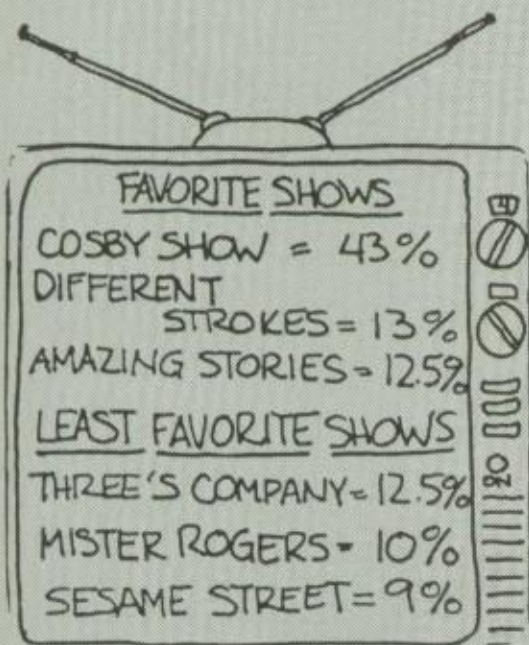
Nathan Vensel



At the local pizza parlor Kasey Harris and Jimmy Holley are deciding which song they would like to hear



Bonnie Cate, Mickey Morrison, Leslie Reynolds, and Dafne Holland visit the local video store to choose their weekend entertainment via the VCR.



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Clifford Arthur
Carl Bodecker
Kenneth Brookshire
Bonnie Cate
Sean Crosson



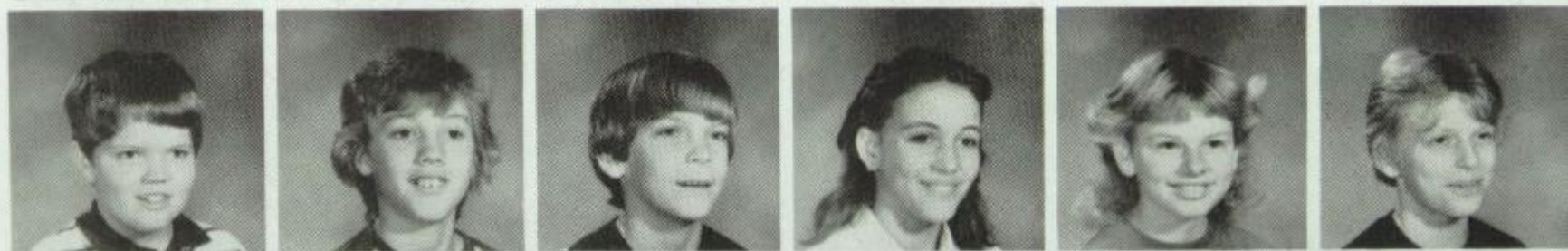
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Teri Lamson
Robert Lewis



Michelle Linkswiller
Michael McMorris
David Malone
Toby Malone
Naomi Mertz
Billy Paul Miller



The sixth graders have had many programs to watch this year. They have new programs, reruns, made for television movies as well as oldies and the golden oldies to watch.

John Hix said, "My favorite is 'Miami Vice'. I like it because it has guns, action, and it is exciting. But I can't stand the 'Jeffersons'.

The sixth graders all have their own favorites representing different types of programming. "I like the 'Cosby Show' because it's funny and I like the little girl Rudy. I

Sixth Graders TV Guide

don't like 'Knight Rider'. I think they should cancel the show be-

cause of the poor quality," Darron Anderson.

"I watch maybe five hours, 'Who's the Boss' is my favorite but 'Comedy Break' is the worst. I hate it," Bonnie Cate.

Benji Reece commented, "The Insiders is my favorite. I think it's neat and I love detective shows."

Sixth graders have a sense of quality about their programming. The quality of television has been good this season even enough to satisfy the most critical sixth grader.



Clay Morr
Mickey Morrison
Chris Murphy
James Murphy
Mary Murphy
Sandra Netherlain



Susan O'Cain
Justin Partin
Mike Phelan
Jena Presley
Benji Reece
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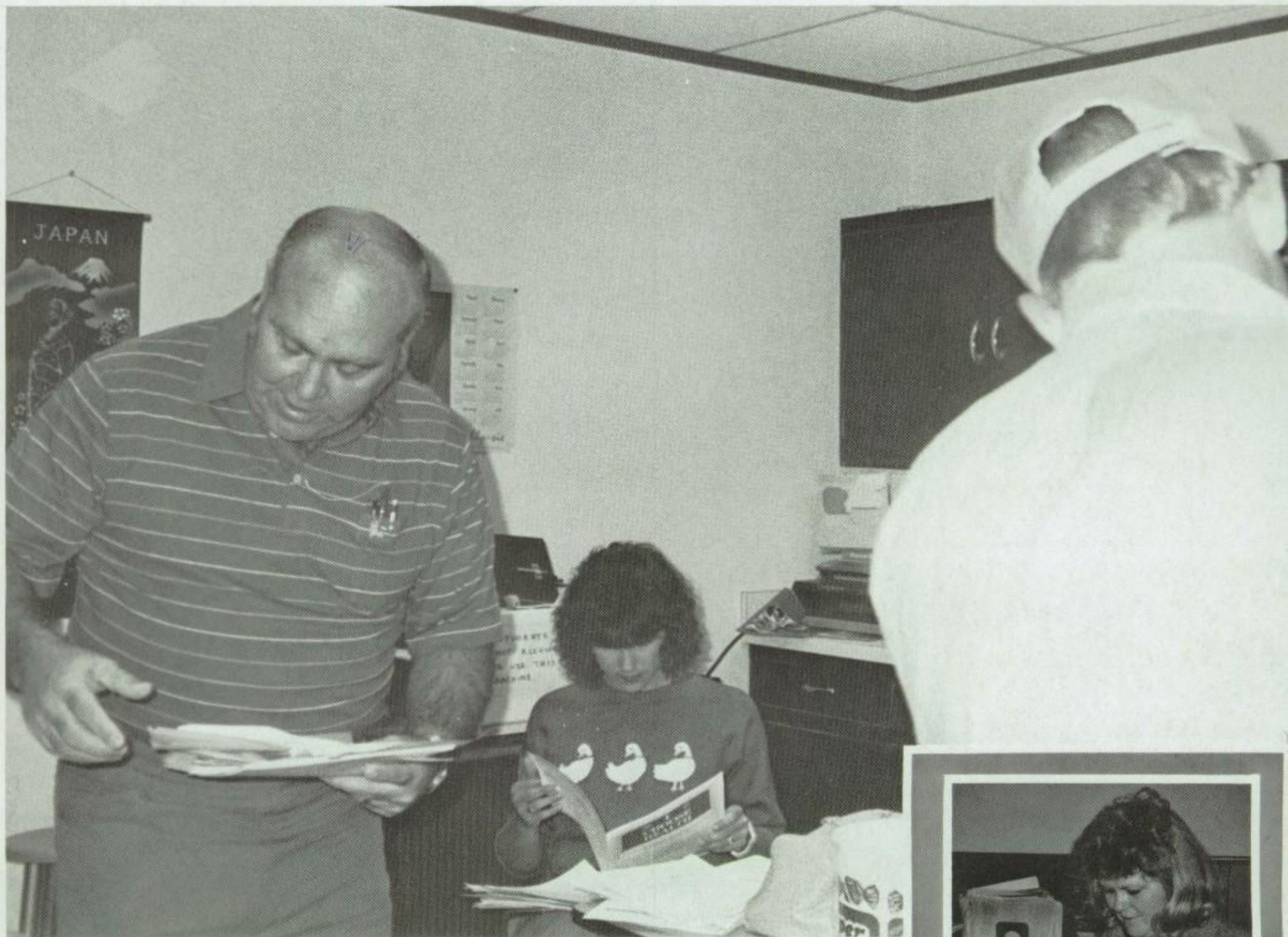
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Michael Smith
Rosa Smith
Tramen Taylor
Tina Thompson
Shane Trail



Mark Williams
Bryan Wilson
Bryan Yates



No Special Occasion! Coach Martin, Coach Manley, and Mr. Matthews prepare early for another long day in the teacher's lounge.

Back Row: C. Williams-Supt.; School Board Members: K. McTee, H. Bing, J. Moody, L. Renee, C. Williams, D. Bengtson, B. Redden.



"This year it seems every one is "down" on teachers: the government, townspeople, even some administrators. So why teach? It's because of that wonderful handful of students whose eyes light up when they finally understand, and who enjoy and respect you as a teacher and as a person. They make it all worthwhile." — Kathy Mitchell.

The Occupation Of Being A Teacher

Are there
more problems
than there
should be?

The idea of graduating from school and going to college to become one of those wonderful people who taught and comforted everyone through their school years is becoming more and more

scarce. Why? Because the world of teaching is only for those who enjoy having, among other things, their intelligence insulted, by being forced to take the T.E.C.A.T.

This test is supposed to weed those teachers out who are illiterate. Most teachers are offended by this knowing that they themselves are not illiterate. Resource teacher Mrs. Cox simply said, "I resent it strongly." English teacher Mrs. Bonner feels the same way. "It is a waste of valuable time I could

be spending on the ridiculous amount of paperwork that has been thrust on us by the state."

Only time will tell whether or not the Texas Examination of Certified Administrators and Teachers will take its toll. The percentage of teachers expected to fail the test is high enough to make officials fret considering that there is already a shortage of teachers in the state of Texas.

Understanding why the teachers of Texas are mad and hurt is not hard. It was not long ago when teaching was a joy. Coming to school each day gave one another chance to make algebra easier or science more fun.



B. Bonner-Eng. 10,12; Cor. Lang. Arts
P. Bradley-Librarian
K. Cannon-Homemaking
B. Cox- Resource
J. Davis-Counselor

V. Fletcher-Secretary
B. Howard-Spanish & Business
N. Jacobs-Eng. 9,10 & 11
D. Lightfoot-Principal
J. Martin-P.E., Health

M. McDaniel-Athletics & History
M. Metze-Band
D. Nance-Business
J. Ripley-Science
C. Smith-History

L. Sullivan-Secretary/Bookkeeper
M. Veale-Tax Office
J. Wade-Speech, Drama, & Govt.
M. Weatherley-Athletics & Math

Not Pictured: D. Manley, R. Mathews, K. Mitchell, & D. Motley.

Desperation Time!! Secretary Mrs. Lightfoot, and Special Ed. teacher Ms. Collins take a break from their every day routine.



Go Ahead . . . Make My Day

8:00—8:10 — One last cup of coffee, one last bit of gossip, and one last trip to the bathroom.

8:10—8:15 — The exciting hall duty???

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Another day at Van Alstyne Middle School begins.

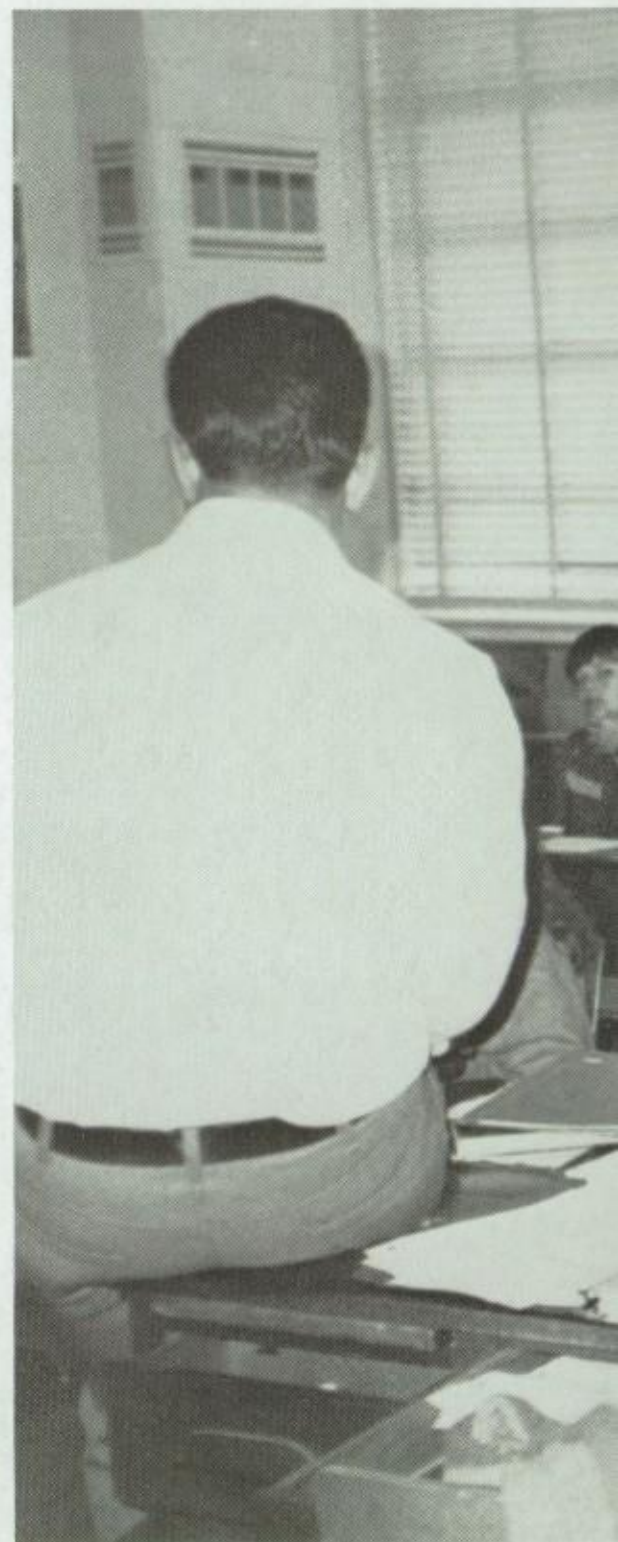
The thought of making a teacher's day worth remembering is automatically up to the student. How? Because the student surrounds the teacher for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, 36 weeks a year. Many teachers are thankful though for these days to remem-

ber, whether bad or good, because teaching would not be worthwhile without the memories of understanding, joy, and frustration.

The teachers of Van Alstyne Middle School seem to have their share of good and bad experiences. Ms. Collins, the Special Education teacher, remembered one of her favorites. "When my class went to our Special Ed. Track Meet in Pottsville, we all had a great time. We won first place in the 400 relay. It was like a big family." Many teachers feel as Ms. Collins does. When an act of joy is shown by a student,

there doesn't seem to be much else that can take its place. Students bearing flowers seem to put a smile on English teacher Mrs. Weatherley's face. "I have received bouquets and pot plants in the past. It is always nice to be remembered, but I particularly love receiving red roses."

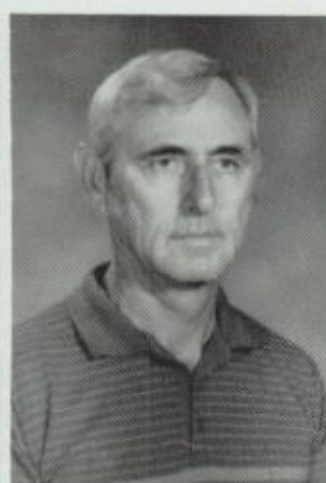
Students—do they really know the power they have been blessed with? Some do, some do not. Whether at track meets or in the classroom (with roses), the student/teacher relationship will always remain special, for those involved along with those who witness.



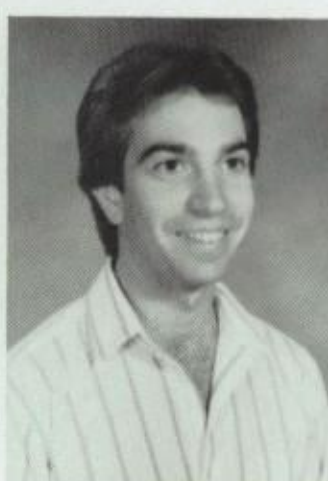


No Smoking Please! Several seventh graders have some fun as James Daniels pretends to try a cigar.

Is Lunch Nearly Here? Students anticipate lunch time as an early morning class drags on.



D. Boyd-Math, Ath.
T. Carden-Math, Ath.
J. Carter-Social Studies
B. Hayes-Math
G. Hayes-Science



C. Johnson-Reading
N. Weatherley-Lang. Arts
K. Whitehead-Science
M. Perry-Band

Not Pictured:
C. Chandler-Lang. Arts
T. Collins-Resource
J. Lightfoot-Secretary
J. Page-Principal

Opening Doors

Melissa Ferguson, Sr., said, "I like working because it gives me something to do. But in a way, I dislike it because I don't have time to do other things I enjoy."



After some exhausting work at the local grocery store, Barrett's, Junior Bryan Trapp takes a much needed break.

Junior Missy Morris busily works to serve the customers at the Pizzas R Us.



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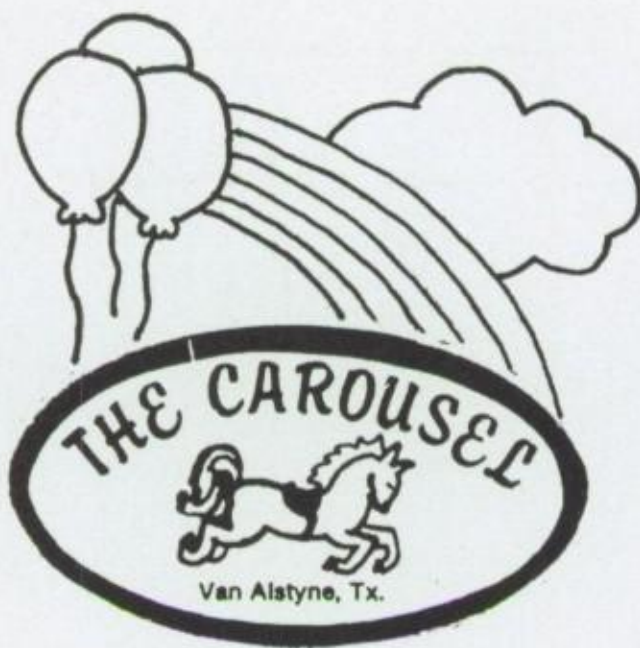
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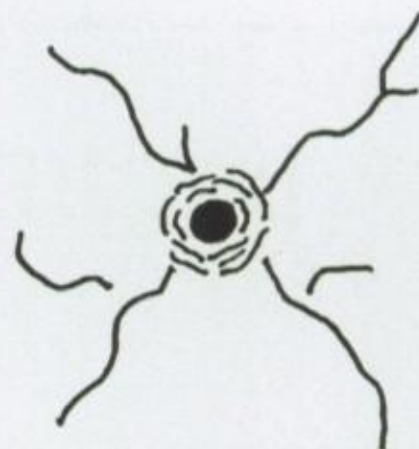
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What a word! Most people cannot say it correctly, much less know what it means. This word, however, is used to describe the celebration we are going to have, in 1986, for Texas. Yes it is Texas' 150th anniversary.

The Sesquicentennial Board is striving to involve all Texas towns and get 100% participation. The Sesquicentennial will act as a unifying factor of Texas. One of the major goals of the celebration, besides getting participation, is to inform everyone about the Sesquicentennial. When asking high school students about the Sesquicentennial, Eddie Cate, Sr., said, "I'm not going to attempt to spell it. Maybe it is a Mexican holiday, though?!" But not only do they

not know what it means, some don't care to know. Sr., Laura Minchey said, "Ses-(this is a dumb question)-qui-cent-ennial. I'm not sure what it is, but it is not a bicentennial." Soph., Jennifer Likely said, "I'm not *EVEN* going to try to spell it?"

Van Alstyne's Chairperson for this project is Mrs. Sharon Wright. She said the reason she was chosen as chairperson was because she was the only one on the committee who could say "Sesquicentennial" correctly! To back up her statement, Billy Edwards, member of the committee, said, "I cannot think of the word much less say it."

The major goals for the town celebration of the sesquicentennial are to extend the June Jubilee, have an old time melo-drama, a quilt designing contest to submit to the State Fair, and

help beautify Van Alstyne. These were part of the "master plan" which was a requirement to receive a Sesquicentennial flag. This flag is flown at the Van Alstyne National Bank. We are chosen to fly the flag because we submitted a "master plan:" and profiles on all the committee members. Once we submitted this and we were chosen to fly the flag, we became a "Texas Independence Community." Van Alstyne received a resolution stating this from the governor and it was hung in city hall. Van Alstyne received the flag along with Gunter, Whitewright, Sherman, and Denison. Those from Van Alstyne who attended the ceremony were Mayor Sherman Taylor, Mrs. Sharon Wright, Sesquicentennial Chairperson, and other townspeople.

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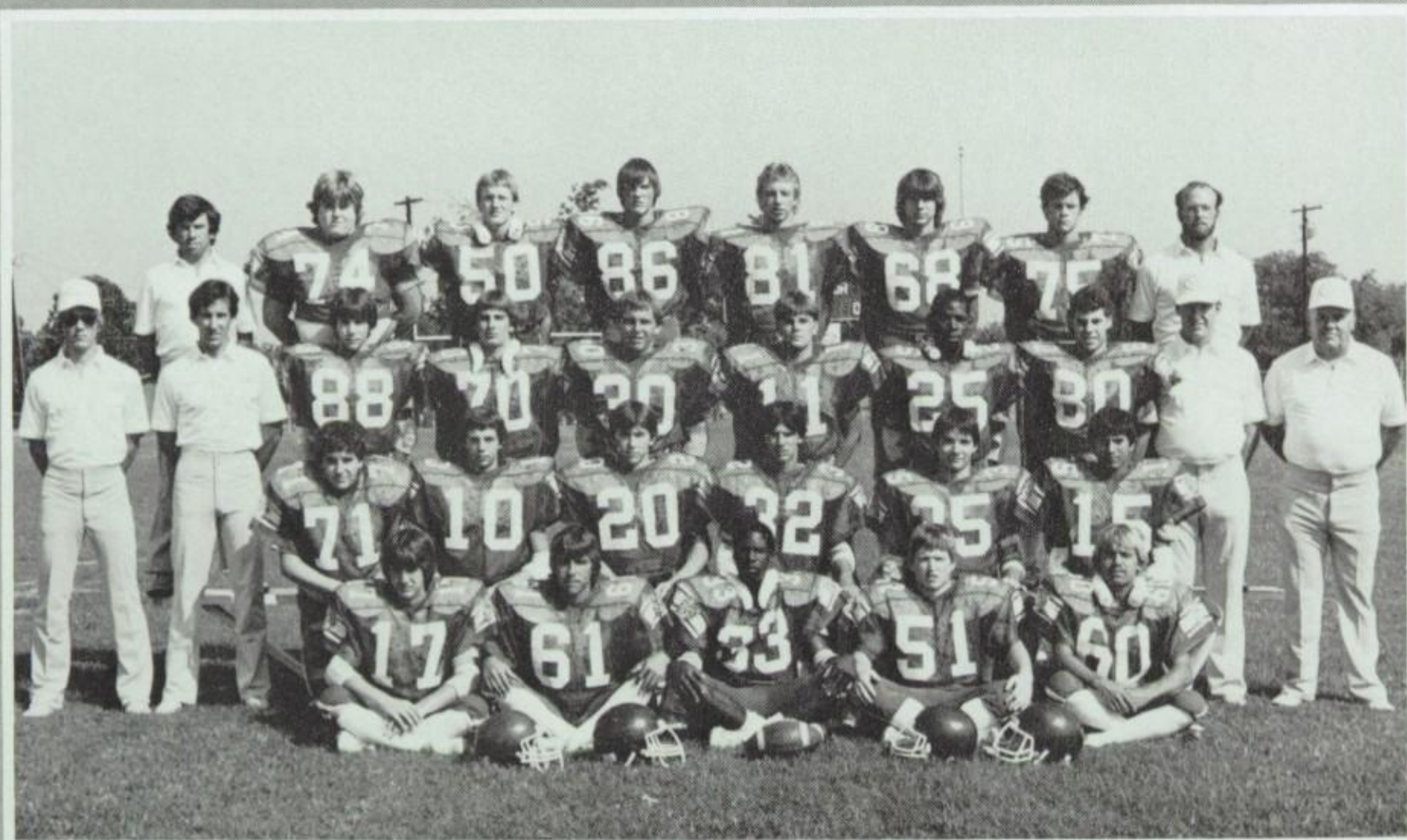
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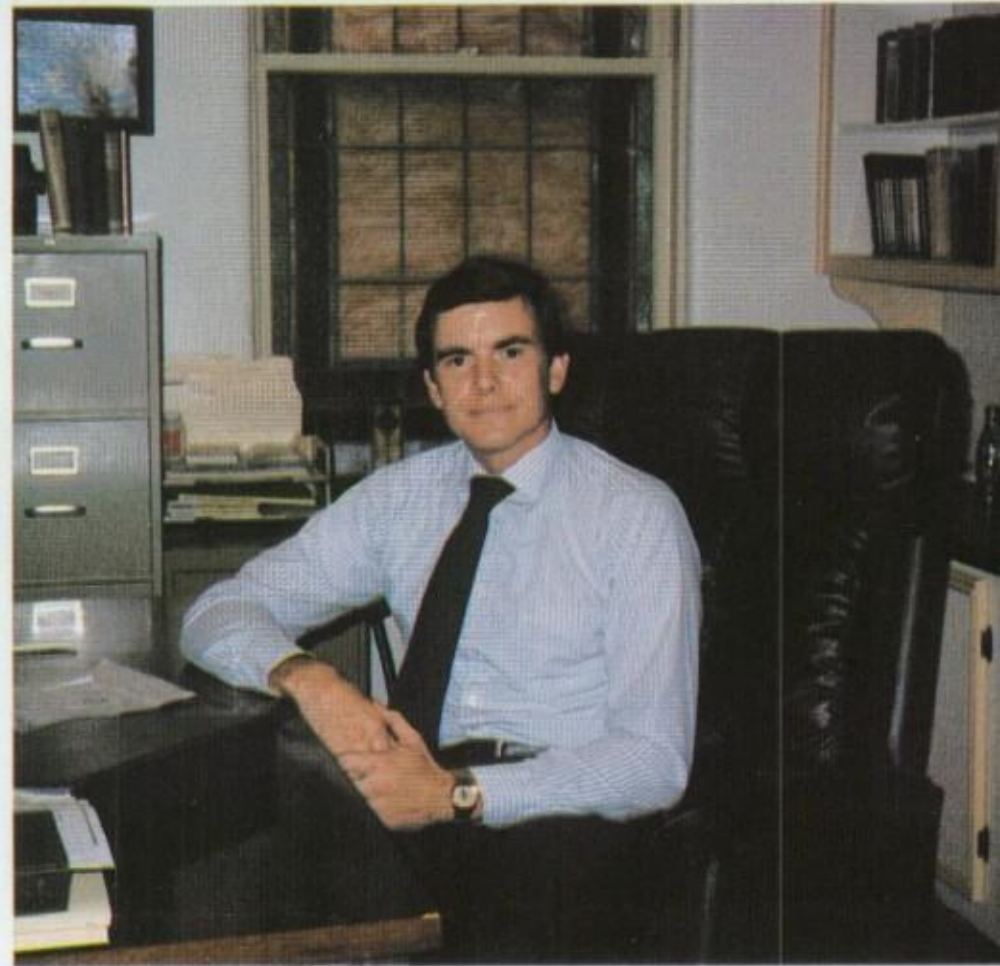
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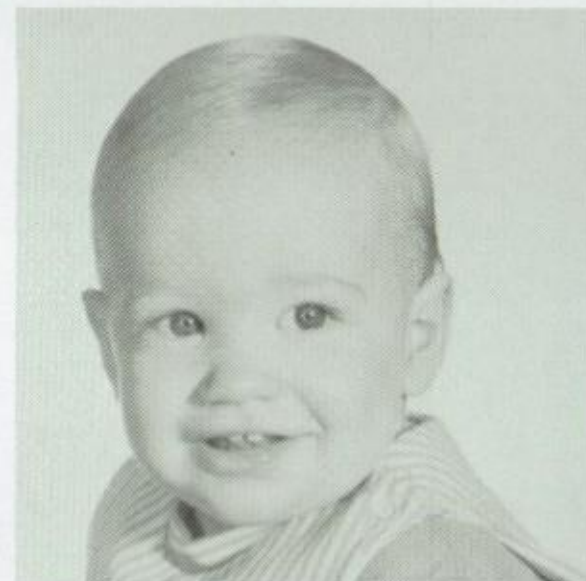
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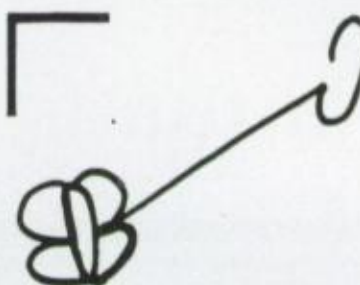
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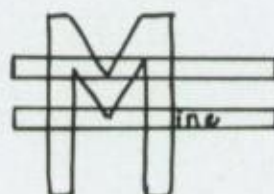
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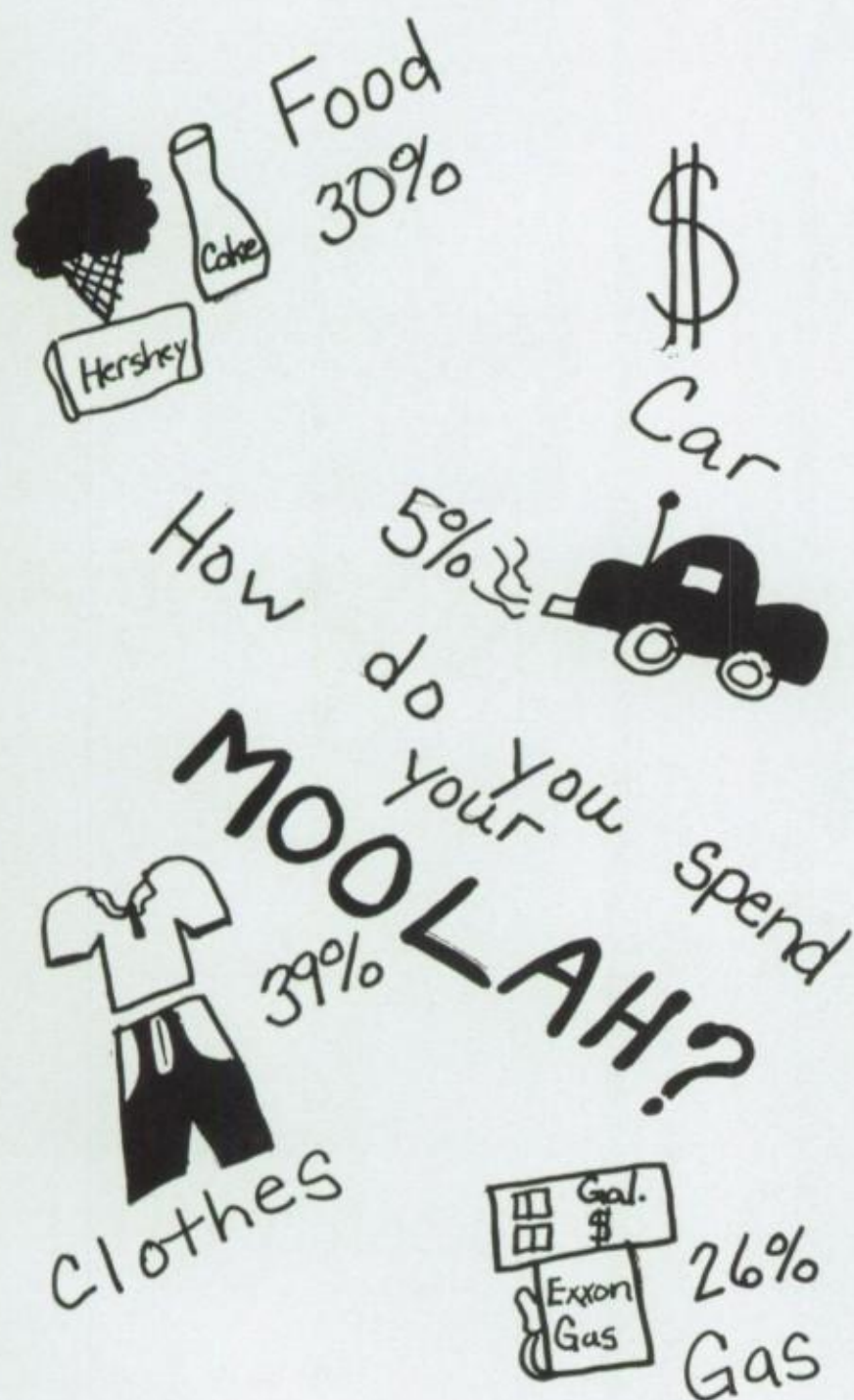


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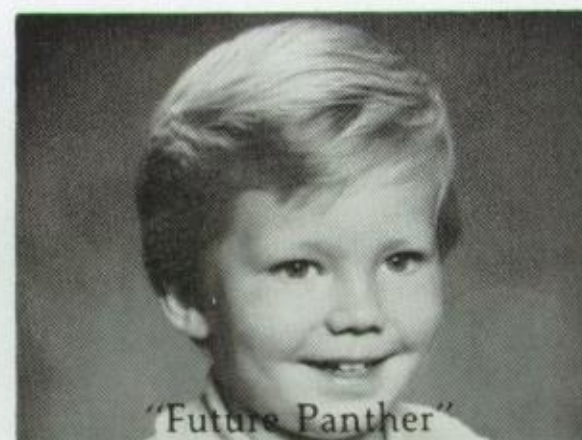
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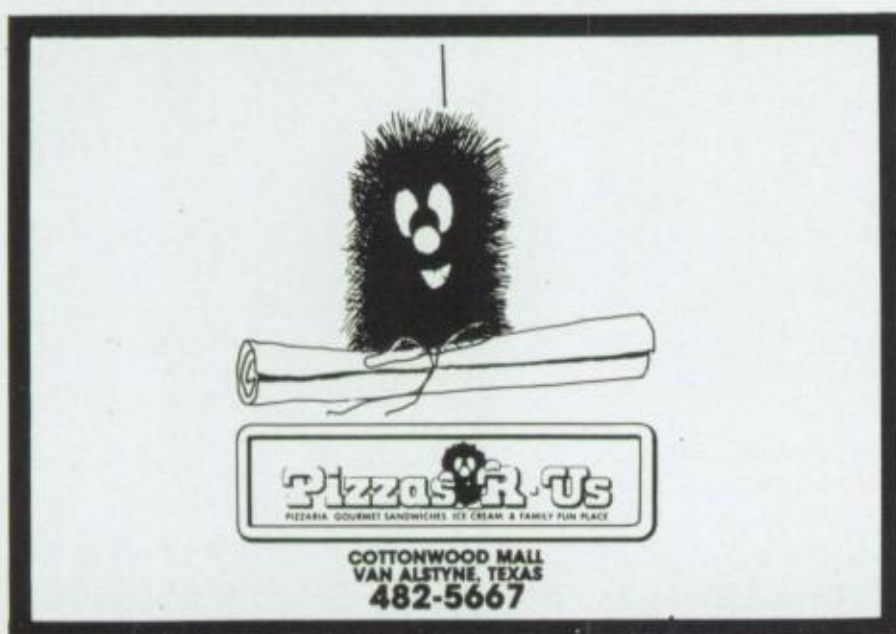


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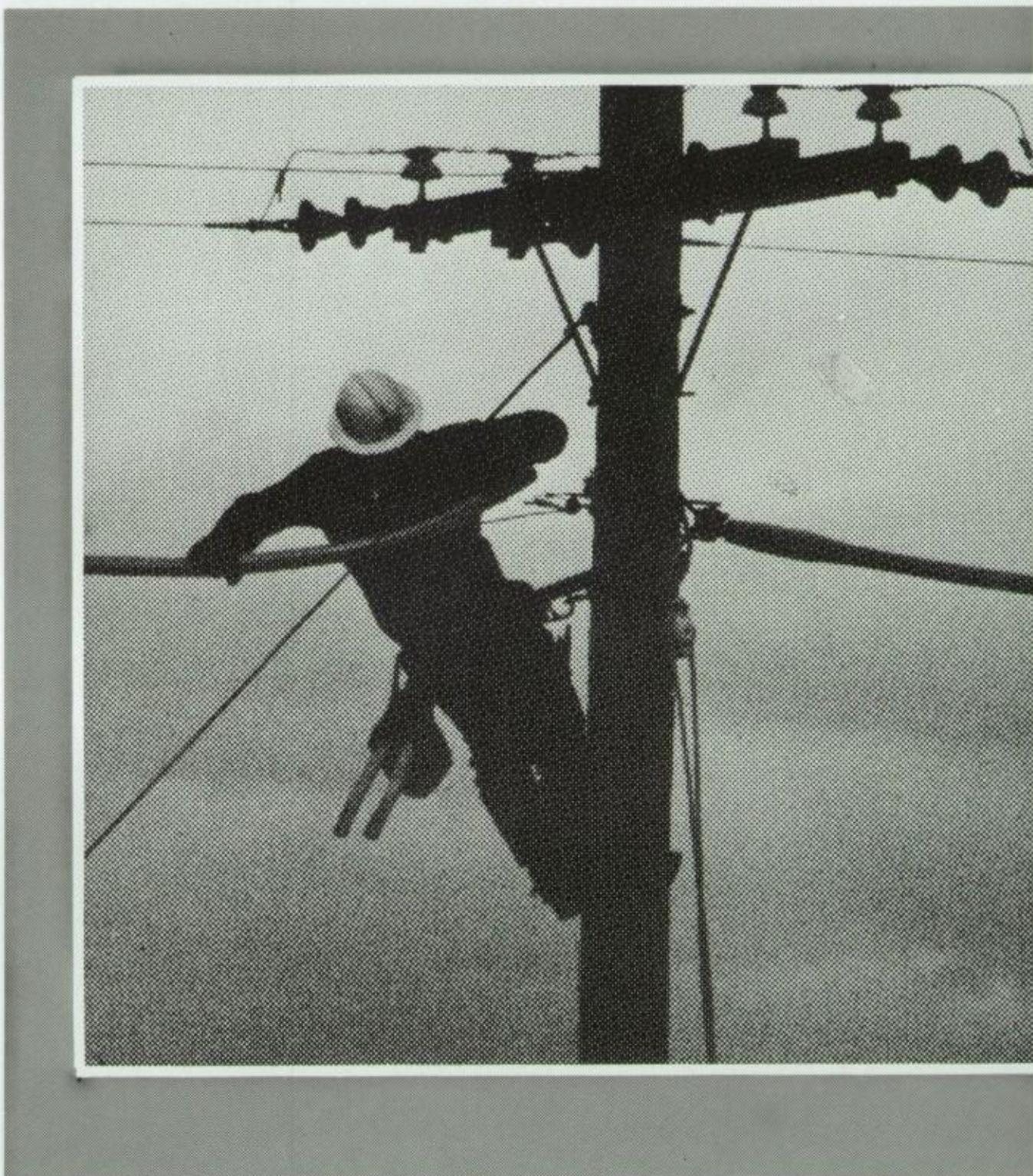
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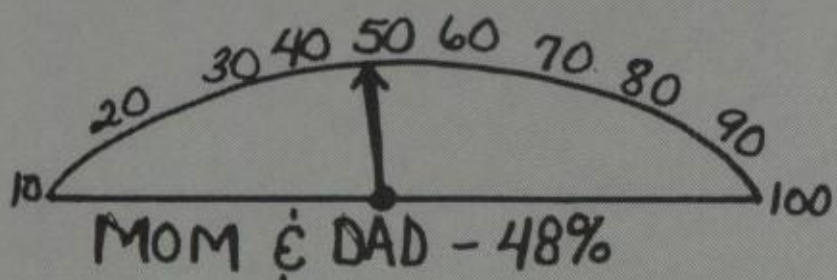
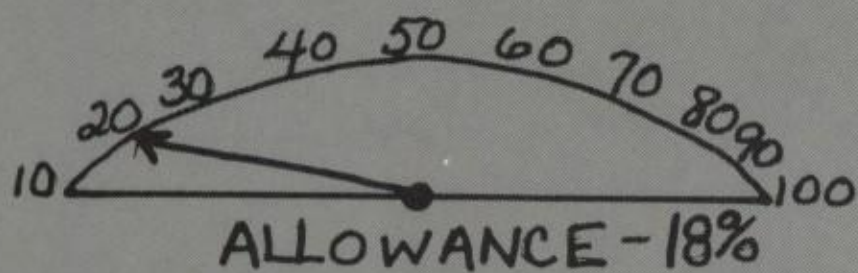
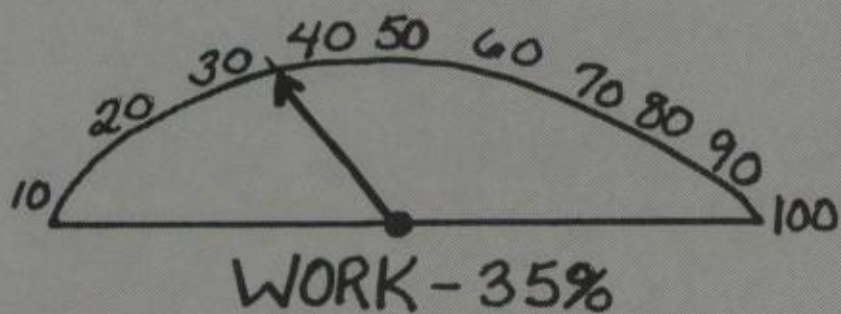
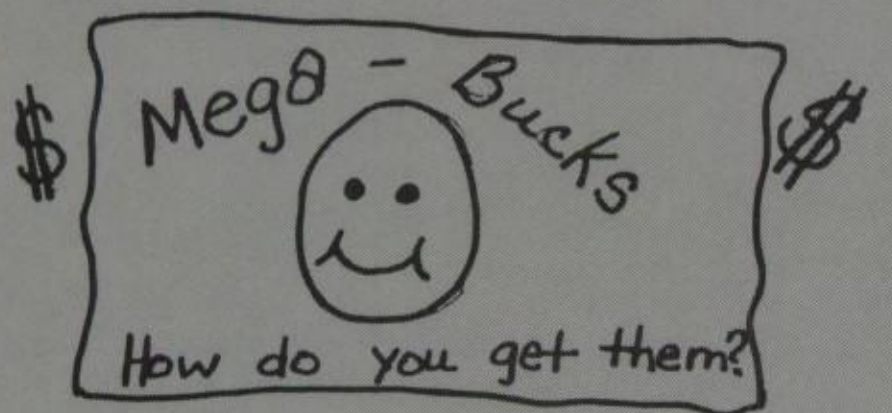
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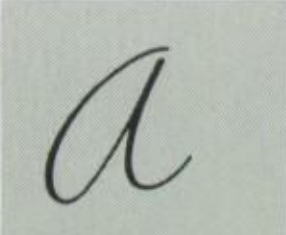


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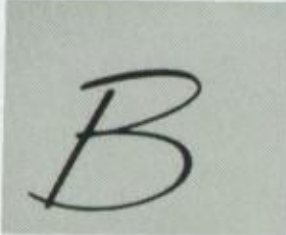


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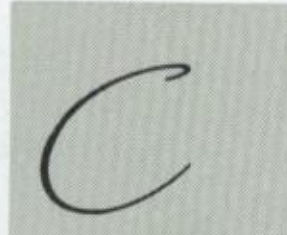




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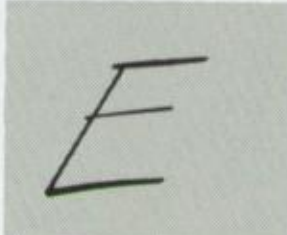


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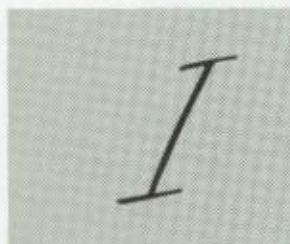


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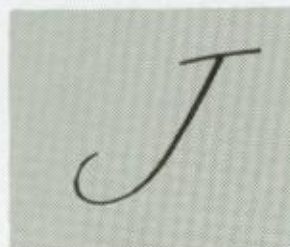
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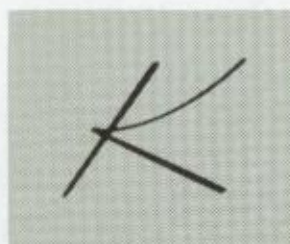
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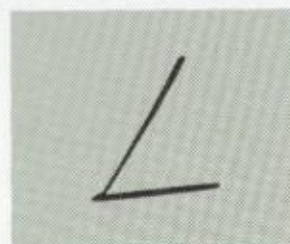
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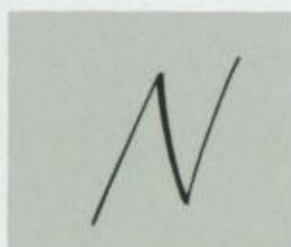
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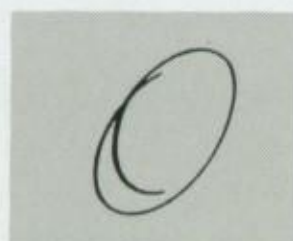


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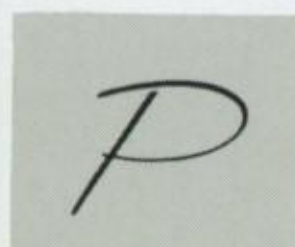
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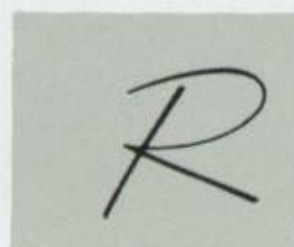
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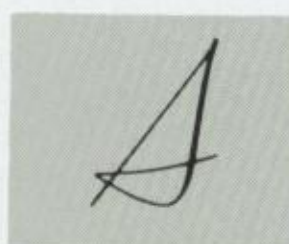
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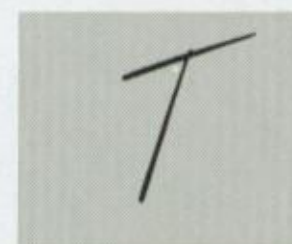


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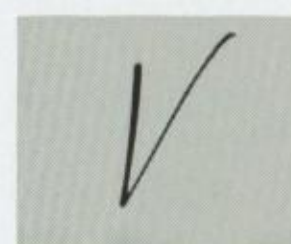


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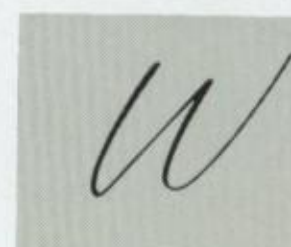
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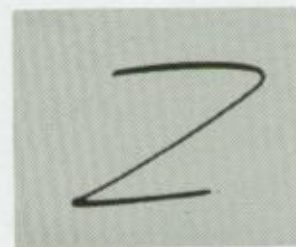


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In With The New

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The book size was 7 3/4" x 10 1/2". Two hundred thirty books with one hundred forty-eight pages were ordered with cost to the student being \$14.

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Out with the old

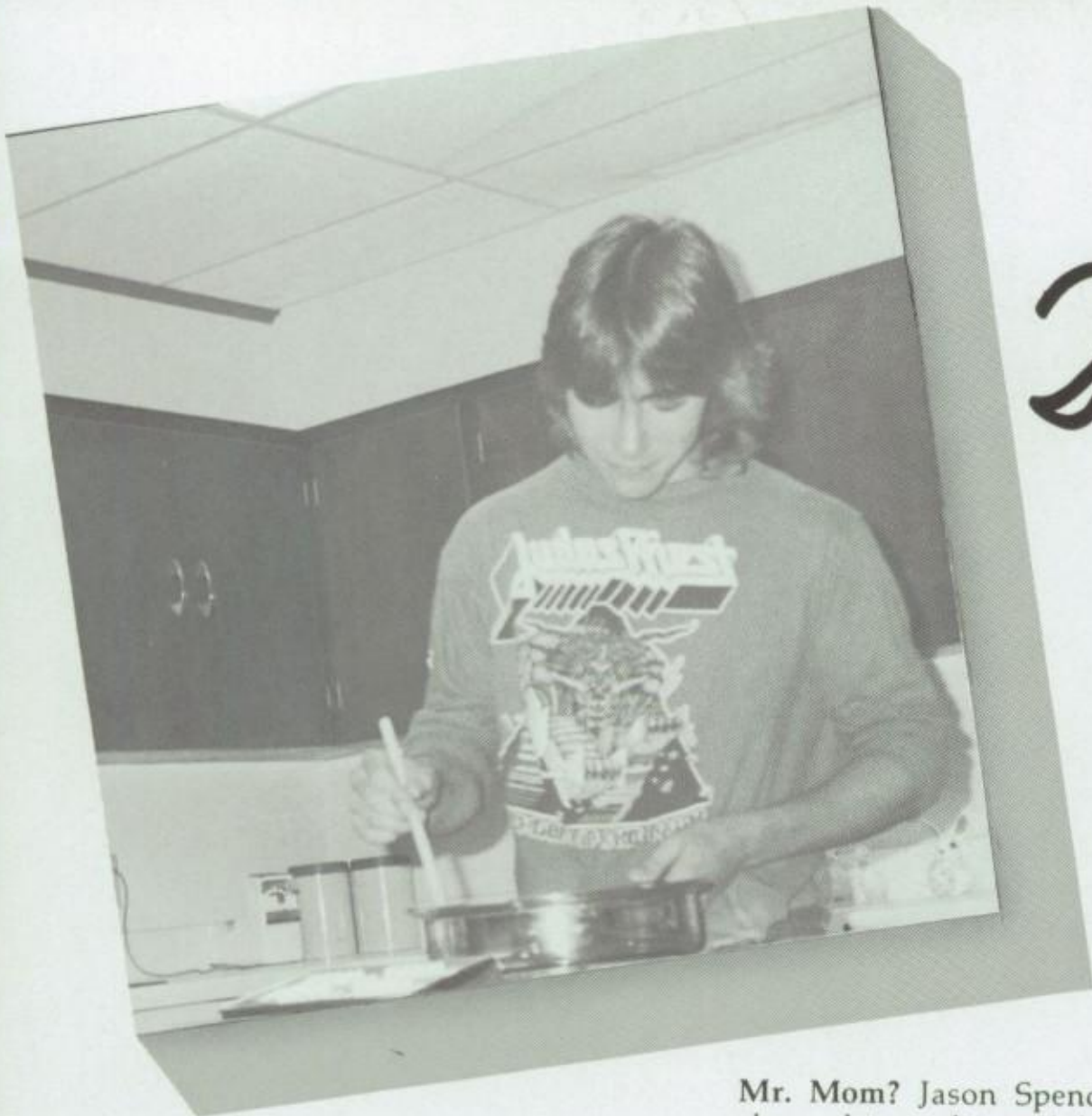
Every year annual staff members attend a summer workshop and learn new information and ideas for producing a yearbook. At last year's sessions we learned that many new advancements had been made in this area of journalism. We wanted to compete in this field and to provide the best annual possible for our students. We felt that these new concepts should be incorporated in our book. We used a new format and style to provide more detailed coverage of the year and to include as many students as possible in the book.

Many traditional items were eliminated from the annual while several new techniques and ideas were added.

A great deal of work was involved in making all of these changes. The annual staff had to accept many more responsibilities and had to work many extra hours. This year's book required dedication from each staff member as well as adjusted to an entirely different way of putting our annual together. Several members of the annual staff proved our success at improving our journalistic skills by competing for the first time and winning several UIL journalism events.

Due to the help of John Cussinger of Austin Westlake, who critiqued our annual pages, we will enter the PAW in UIL competition for the first time.

As the annual staff we hope that this yearbook is the beginning of a new tradition which will only get better in the future. We feel we were successful in capturing those important memories and ONCE IN A LIFETIME moments that make every year special.



Mr. Mom? Jason Spencer shows his cooking ability for his Home Ec. class.

First Times

As students enter school, they are presented many opportunities. Many of these include new classes or new activities that the student experiences for the first time.

Homemaking classes allow many students to learn the basics of sewing and cooking. Driver education teaches students the fundamentals of driving before they receive their license. Science experiments and lessons in CPR are often seen in science and health courses.

First times may be successful and lots of fun, and they may not be — but regardless of the outcome first times always seem to be good times.



Hold Still This won't hurt a bit. Danny Loftice and Shaun Treadway are working carefully on dissecting a frog.

Computer Whiz? Well, Brian Taylor tries his computer skills in Introductory Computers.



Shake and Shout! Bill Benton is instructing Holly Owen how to do CPR in Health Class.

Same Ol' Times



Lots of chit chat. Senior, Debra Holland calls a friend after finishing her work as a teacher's aide.

History and more History. The third period government class listens attentively to Mr. Wade's lesson on the United States Presidents.

After the excitement of a new year is over, school days become fairly routine. The same classes are attended everyday with the same people opening the same lockers and sitting in the same desks day after day. The routine becomes accepted and weeks pass without any great excitement. But these times when mixed together with laughter and friends give a year flavor and make those same ol' times seem very special.

Off To Lunch, Justin Partin, Joe Ritchie, and Jon Nix walk to the lunchroom after another session of morning classes.



Friends Forever! Seniors Michelle Weatherley and Wendy Billups take a break in the student center to discuss some serious matters.



1986

The Paw



Up, Up, And Away!



The Class of 1986 releases balloons after changing their tassels. Graduation was held at the football field for the first time.

-A Once In A Lifetime Year-

That is what our school has worked for and achieved. Whether a person looks at the success of the athletic program, the excellence of the academic records, or the quality of the special events, all that can be seen is the talent and ability of many special people.

Now:

Be one of my very good friends. I am glad we have become such good friends our our school year together and our common stay as good of friends as we are now. Well this our sophomore yr. lets make the best of it!

Love ya
Shonda

Rule!

"SR'S"
"89"

Love ya
Shonda

your one of the best friends I have, we have had some good times together! I wish you all the luck in the future and with always!!*

SR'S
89!

Now:

you are one of my very best friends & I'm really glad. Thanks for always being there whenever I needed you. If you ever need to talk or anything, remember, I'm here.

Love ya
April

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SR'S

Natalie

Love

Hayla
90

Cheryl
Love

I don't know if you will but I think you are a sweet & have a great personality. I hope you have a great year!

you are one of my very best friends & I'm really glad. Thanks for always being there whenever I needed you. If you ever need to talk or anything, remember, I'm here.

you are one of my very best friends & I'm really glad. Thanks for always being there whenever I needed you. If you ever need to talk or anything, remember, I'm here.

Terri,

You're one of my very best friends and definitely my favorite friend from the Sophomore class. I really enjoy being in Drill Team with you, you keep me from ~~be~~ being bored. I hope that you will always make the best of each day and year because they ~~do~~ go by fast. I may only be a junior but I feel as if my days are numbered. You're a very, sweet, pretty, and smart girl so I don't have to wish you luck in the future because somehow or another you will find a way to succeed. But I wish you luck ~~anyways~~ **GOOD LUCK** I wish you the very best Everything! I wish you the very best with whoever you set your eyes, heart and mind upon, and if you try hard and are playing your cards right you will win the ~~cards~~ hearts of whoever he may be. So for whatever in life you want because you ~~deserve~~ deserve the best.

Love ya,
Karin

Jerrri-
We've been through a lot of hard
times you're about the only person
who's seen me cry (sobs). I
hope you realize how much I
cherish your friendship I know
you can always make me smile.
you ~~do~~ ^{have} a great personality it
takes a lot to get you mad
unlike me. You're one of the sharpest
b-ball players I know. I'm looking
forward to all the time we'll get
to spend together for the next
3 yrs. I hope you get everything
you want in life.
A. "89" your friend always,
Marci

Jerrri
you're a real
sweet person &
a great friend!
Good luck in
all you do. Especially
B. Ball!
Love,
Jennyfer

JERRI-
You're a wonderful
person and a good time-
keeper (B.D.). Be cool & don't
get too fucked up trying
to figure out life.

Theresa
A2CH0H02110

-TERRI-
 HAVE FUN IN H.S.
 Good luck in Drill
 Team. I HAVE A
 Great Year.
 Never

-TERRI-
 You are a really
 good friend. I really
 hope your high
 school years!

Love,
 Amy

-TERRI-
 For once (only a little
 while) I'm going to be ser-
 ious. You are such a sweet,
 happy, pretty person. I really
 like being around you (I
 wish you could say the same
 about me! Ha) Anyway I
 respect you a whole lot -> You're
 such a good basketball player.
 I'm really glad you came to
 big V.A.H.S. I consider you one
 of my best friends. Stay as
 wonderful as you are now and
 you'll have a wonderful life
 But whatever you do -> Stay
 a party animal! Best
 wishes always Terri!

☺☺☺
 5-88
 11h

Love
 Pam

Relieve of
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 100 in feel in 000

P.S.
 wo-baby
 wo-baby
 wo-baby

Best
 1st

Terri,
 You're a real nice
 person and a good
 friend. Take care &
 have fun in high
 school! Good luck!
 B. Bad, work hard!
 Love ya, Sr.
 #Smiles
 88
 11h

Terri,
 You're a really
 great friend and
 a sweet person. You
 deserve the best
 you can get &
 not love you
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To a very sweet and good friend of mine. Stay good in B-base, they're gonna need ya. Feels great to be Sophomores! hurray!

Day

